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LKS: King Khaled and President Choi Kyu-hah of South Korea lead their delegations to talks in Riyadh Monday on bilateral and international relations.

ing, Choi review ties

JEDDAH, May 12 (SPA) — King Khaled resident Choi Kyu-hah of South Korea led on talks Monday at Mazer Palace expansion of economic and other relations.

with Yemen leader visit next month

JEDDAH, May 12 — President Ali Nasser is unlikely to visit Saudi Arabia next week as indicated in earlier reports, Arab has learned. The visit, at the invitation of King Khaled, may take place next month though no date has been fixed for a reformed sources said.

ministers to consider 1981 budget

JEDDAH, May 12 (SPA) — King Khaled chaired a Council of Ministers meeting Tuesday to approve the May 1980-81 budget. National Finance and Economy Minister Hisham Nazer said the budget, which will bring more prosperity to the country and boost development of the economy, will be carried out under the guidance of the King.

King Khaled said the Kingdom has achieved expectations in its progress over recent years, and the new budget will benefit all citizens. The new fiscal year will begin Thursday as the first of the Third Five-Year Development Plan. King Khaled presided at a meeting to discuss the SR782.8 billion, which will last until May 1985. The meeting, which will reduce expenditures on developmental services except those relevant to productive sectors and growth centers. More funds will be allocated to the productive sectors to help diversify the economic bases of the Kingdom. Manpower development will be increased through greater emphasis of education training and health services, according to information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani.

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and information.

The talks covered a number of subjects of mutual interest and mutual cooperation.

Earlier, Choi visited the planning ministry where he was received by Sheikh Hisham Nazer, planning minister, who briefed him on the second five-year development plan and the third plan to begin next month.

Sheikh Nazer talked about Saudi Arabian-South Korean cooperation and said that South Korean companies in the country are undertaking nearly SR 6 billion worth of projects. Choi expressed interest in the Kingdom's plans and commended the achievements of the second plan. He said he will urge South Korean companies here to redouble their efforts in carrying out projects awarded to them.

Later in the evening Choi visited King Faisal's Specialist Hospital and talked with managers of South Korean companies and representatives of the Kingdom's Korean residents.

Meanwhile Prince Saud held talks with the South Korean Foreign Minister Tong Jin Park which were attended by Sheikh Abdullah Ali Reza, deputy foreign minister for economic affairs; Dr. Zain Al Debagh, Saudi Arabia's non-resident ambassador in South Korea; and other officials of both sides.

In the evening Petroleum and Mineral Resources Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani met with the South Korean Minister of Energy and Resources to discuss oil issues.

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Political, economic changes

Sadat's cabinet quits

CAIRO, May 12 (R) — Egyptian Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil submitted his cabinet's resignation Monday in preparation for major political and economic changes expected to be announced Wednesday by President Anwar Sadat. Dr. Khalil told reporters the cabinet submitted its resignation to President Sadat to allow him to introduce changes in the country.

In his letter of resignation, Khalil said: "Now that a new stage of national action begins, we are confident you, Mr. Sadat, will make the correct decision taking into consideration the country's best interests."

Khalil's cabinet was formed in June 1979 and was the first party government under Sadat's multi-party system. It represented the National Democratic Party led by Sadat.

Khalil said his cabinet had done its best and carried out the government's plan with "great capability and honesty." He told reporters he is placing himself at the disposal of Sadat, "and I will be willing to serve in any position he may ask me to fill."

Meanwhile, a group of 54 prominent Egyptians including two former vice presidents and five former ministers, Monday called for a more representative system of government and criticized what they described as ad hoc individual decisions.

In a statement, they accused Sadat's government of disregarding the constitution and making opposition irrelevant. As an example of ad hoc individual decisions, the statement noted Sadat's decision last month to offer the United States military facilities for its abortive attempt to rescue the American hostages in Tehran.

The cabinet was not consulted, the statement said. It demanded that the president should not belong to any political party and that referenda should be held only on the recommendation of the People's Assembly (Parliament).

Referenda were no more than a cover for individual decisions and could not be considered binding, the statement said. Sadat often has used the referendum to get a popular mandate on controversial issues.

The statement, which came two days

Bonn rules out supply of reactor to Israel

JEDDAH, May 12 — A West German Embassy spokesman here denied an Israeli newspaper report this week that West Germany will supply Israel with a breeder reactor to produce plutonium fuel for its existing nuclear reactors.

The spokesman, quoting officials in Bonn, told Arab News Monday that "there was not a word of truth in the Israeli report."

The French news agency AFP quoted the Israeli newspaper Yedioth Aharonit as claiming that West German intelligence has had no fear the plutonium would be used for atomic bombs because Israel already had enough plutonium for nuclear explosives.

12 die in N.E. Lebanon fighting

BEIRUT, May 12 (Agencies) — At least 12 combatants were killed in running battles Sunday between Christian militiamen of the right-wing Phalange Party and the Social National Syrian Party in northeastern Lebanon, police and party sources reported.

According to police reports the two factions deployed mortars, rockets and machine guns in the battle which broke out around noon near the Baskanta area, 55 kilometers northeast of here.

The two sides accused each other of starting the clash which, according to police reports, left "several casualties."

A spokesman for the SNPP conceded his party lost four combatants and claimed the

Kuwaiti premier pays visit to Syria

DAMASCUS, May 12 (R) — Kuwaiti heir apparent and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Abdullah al-Sabah arrived here Monday from Jordan on a three-day official visit to Syria.

He told newsmen at the airport that he would have talks with Syrian officials on "issues of mutual interest to the two sister

before Sadat is due to announce radical domestic changes, said: "The constitutional bodies (such as the People's Assembly) have become no more than instruments to implement decisions already taken." Sadat's National Democratic Party holds 330 of the 392 seats in the assembly.

Signatories to the statement include former vice presidents Abdul-Latif Boghdadi and Kamaledin Hussein, former Arab League Secretary-General Mahmoud Riad, the former Egyptian Ambassador to Moscow former Deputy Premier Abdul-Salam Zayyat, a number of university professors and judges, leftist writers, and independent member of Parliament Muntaz Nassar.

The coalition also demanded an end to emergency laws imposed during the rule of the late President Gamal Abdul Nasser and an end to restrictions on the freedom to form political parties, the statement said. The signatories called for clear definitions of the terms "national unity, social peace and democratic socialism."

By Christian leader

Israel branded impostor

BEIRUT, May 12 (AP) — A rightist leader here accused Israel Monday of posing as the protector of Lebanese Christians in order to serve its own ends in Lebanon.

"Israel has its own interests and ambitions. It has used, and still is using us to justify its interference and presence" in Lebanon, said Dany Chamoun in an interview published by the independent Beirut newspaper *Al-Anwar*.

Chamoun, younger son of former President Camille Chamoun, heads the "Tigers" militia of his father's National Liberal Party. The Tigers were the second largest militia the Christians fielded in Lebanon's civil war against an alliance of nationalist Muslims and Palestinians.

It was during the 1975-76 sectarian conflict that Israel began to establish links with the leading political parties of Lebanon's 1.9 million-strong Christian community, including the NLP.

The Christian forces of the rightist alliance that is known as the "Lebanese Front" has received 60 super-Sherman tanks and long range artillery from Israel during the civil war, which was snuffed out by Syria in November, 1976.

The Syrian intervention rescued the Christians from a crushing defeat at the hands of the nationalist-commando alliance. But the Lebanese Front later took up arms against the Syrian truce-enforcing army because they resented peacekeeping curbs in Christian areas.

Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin has since made several declarations committing Israel to defend Lebanon's Christian community in any confrontation with the Syrians

Phalangists lost eight in addition to "unspecified" numbers of injured on both sides.

The Phalangists refused to release their casualty figure.

A spokesman for the Arab peace-keeping force said several people were slightly wounded in the clash.

It was not immediately known whether rightist parties, the National Liberal Party or the Phalangists, suffered any casualties.

Replying to a question, a spokesman for the Arab Deterrent Force said the peace troops command was still in contact with the various sides to contain the outburst and prevent a further deterioration.

countries and those of concern to the Arab nation in general."

He said the current circumstances of the Arab nation, "call on all of us to have a unified concept or policy through which we can establish military, political and economic cooperation in the face of Israeli challenges, and restore Arab solidarity."

Syrian Prime Minister Dr. Abdul-Rauf al-Kasm said that the talks would cover "deepening of bilateral relations and strengthening Arab solidarity in the face of the Camp David plot."

Sheikh Saad, who also visited Baghdad and Amman, is heading a high-level delegation.

Exiled Arab mayors fail to return home

AMMAN, May 12 (Agencies) — Two Palestinian mayors and an Islamic religious leader expelled by Israeli authorities nine days ago in the wake of an attack on Jewish settlers in Hebron returned to Amman Monday after an unsuccessful attempt to re-enter West Bank territory.

The mayors of Hebron and Halhoul, Fahd Kawasmeh and Muhammad Melhem, and Sheikh Rajab Tamimi of the Hebron mosque went to the King Hussein (formerly the Allenby) Bridge across the Jordan River intending to cross to the occupied zone.

Israeli soldiers placed iron barriers across the access road and blocked all traffic between the two banks as soon as the three deportees, accompanied by several hundred supporters, arrived.



Anwar Sadat



Mustafa Khalil

Carter urges summit delay

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, May 12 — President Jimmy Carter telephoned Egypt's President Anwar Sadat in an effort to prevent a three-way summit meeting on the Palestinian autonomy question until after the Democratic Party's presidential nominating convention in August, informed U.S. sources said.

Carter was concerned about reports Sadat would soon assume his country's prime ministership, thus making himself the chief negotiator in the stalled autonomy talks and forcing elevation of the negotiations to the summit level, according to the sources.

The American president believes his own bargaining position in a summit with Sadat and Israel's Prime Minister Menachem Begin will remain weak until he is able to dispose of the political challenge from presidential contender Senator Edward Kennedy, the sources said.

Carter's strategy is to avoid a "Camp David-style" summit until after he wins renomination for a second term as president at his party's convention, slated for New York City the week of August 11.

In his telephone conversation with Sadat Monday morning, Carter discussed a number of related topics with the Egyptian leader, including:

— whether Sadat truly intended to assume the prime ministership following the resignation of the cabinet headed by Mustapha Khalil;

— where Egypt currently stands on the autonomy talks, and under what conditions it will agree to resume the negotiations; and

— ways of sidestepping the proposed European initiative on the Palestinians and of blocking any Soviet role in future peace talks.

Carter reportedly said that if he wins the Democratic presidential nomination in August, he will begin applying serious pressure on Begin to compromise on the autonomy question.

Meanwhile, new Secretary of State Edmund Muskie Monday continued his consultations with U.S. Ambassador to Egypt Alfred Atherton and the American envoy to Israel, Samuel Lewis, whom he called back from their posts over the weekend. Both envoys blame Israel for last week's breakdown of the autonomy talks, informed sources said.

U.S. Middle East negotiator Sol Linowitz, who has also returned from the Middle East, agrees that Israel is taking a "hardline" stand at this point.

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To bolster local yield Board meets for state fishing company

By a staff writer

RIYADH, May 12 — The Board of Directors of the newly-formed Saudi Fishing Company met here Monday to discuss proposals to build up fishing centers on the eastern and western coasts and marketing centers in the coastal and upcountry towns.

The board met under Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, minister of agriculture and water.

The company formed earlier this year following approval by King Khaled with the intention of doubling Saudi Arabia's annual catch of 32,000 tons, of fish according to Dr. Nasser Al-Saleh, director general of agricultural development at the ministry.

At the time of the approval, Saleh said the government decided to go ahead with the venture after it came to the conclusion the country's fishing industry needed high technology and aggressive planning. It was the only option open both for improving yield and for bettering the standards of traditional fishermen.

The company will cover the process of getting the fish out of the sea and to the housewife. Onshore it will establish facilities for

marketing catches. The company will fish with its own fleet as well as going into joint ventures with international fishing companies. On the seas it will enter joint ventures for fish exploitation. It will market both its own catches and those of private fishermen.

The initial size of the company's fleet has not yet been decided although the ultimate aim is to have between 100 and 150 vessels of different sizes. Its base will be at Jubail, with a second stage development covering the Jizan area. Jeddah will be third.

The company will have an initial paid capital of SR100 million, with an option for SR200 million. It will be eligible for government loans and the government will hold 40 per cent of the equity, with the remainder being sold at SR100 per share.

The company's purpose is twofold, according to Saleh — not only to improve the overall performance of Saudi fishing by its own fleet, but also to improve the performance of traditional fishermen through the force of organization and example. It was found this is the only method feasible for the latter objective, cooperatives having been ruled out as impractical.

Fishing represents 13 per cent of animal protein consumption in the country, but one-third of that is provided by canned imports. There are some 3,250 fishermen in the Red Sea and 1,500 in the Gulf, working 2,580 boats powered by sail or oar in the Red Sea and 300 mainly motorized dhows in the Gulf.

saudi comment

By Samir Shamma
Al Medina

Saudi Arabian missions abroad, Saudi Arabian airline offices, border checkpoints and its airports are the Kingdom's facades that create the first and the lasting impression of the Kingdom. Considering the situation at the airports, the dealing of a Saudi Arabian travel office may be good, but the airport certainly does not present a pleasant facade. Officials do not do anything to improve the situation, as we see that elderly people, the handicapped, women and children are the last to reach the aircraft. I have even seen some still resting on the floor while others are queuing for an entry into the plane.

At the border checkpoints, you can see customs and immigration officials doing a good job, for example, at Halat Ammar checkpoint in the north. But the policeman at the gate, who is supposed to accept the customs paper from travelers tries to stop them if he observes a slight dent in any car, although it is something beyond his jurisdiction. In such a case, the owner of the car cannot satisfy the policeman unless he succeeds in getting a 'go' signal from the superior or produces a certificate from the country he is leaving that his car has not been involved in an offense.

The in-flight service is good; so also is the treatment at immigration and customs desks, but travelers get confused when they have to deal with cabmen at the airports. Although the Saudi Public Transport Company (SAPTCO) has toned down the greed of cab drivers, there are still some who demand SR 60 for a distance that is not worth more than SR15. The foreigners fall an easy prey to this phenomenon which ought to be solved.

Take also the case of seat-numbering in the planes. Our national carrier can easily do this on its international flights, to help in easing congestion and confusion and in giving a pleasant impression of one of the Kingdom's important facades. Once successful, numbering could be started on domestic flights also.



Muhammad Ali Harakan

Muslim group to submit aide-memoir

JEDDAH, May 12 (SPA) — Secretary General of the Muslim World League Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan said the League will submit an aide-memoir to the Islamic Foreign Ministers conference of Islamabad.

In a statement Monday, Harakan said the memorandum will contain many Islamic issues, but the main topic will be the Communist invasion of Afghanistan and the dangers resulting from Communist plots in the Islamic world.

The memorandum will also deal with Israel's repeated aggression on Lebanon, the legitimate rights of the Palestinians, Israel's continuous threats to Jerusalem and its assault of the Aqsa Mosque and the Prophet Abraham's Mosque.

Harakan added that the League will also raise the issue of malicious campaigns against Islam and other matters connected with the Islamic universities in non-Islamic states.

The League chief is to leave for Pakistan Tuesday leading a delegation to the 11th session of the Islamic Foreign Ministers' conference.

Prince Majed opens Mecca textile factory

MECCA, May 12 (SPA) — Mecca Governor Prince Majed opens the factory of the Weaving and Textiles Company in Mecca in presence of Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Al-Josaili.

The factory is the first of its kind in the Kingdom and already produces 600 cloths a day. Such production will increase to 2,000 units within the coming two months.

Dr. Saleem Malibari, director general of the Industries and Weaving Company said the factory cost SR15 million and constitutes a positive step to conserve the Saudi dress and provide it for citizens at suitable prices while maintaining high quality.

Tours encourage confidence

Center fosters rehabilitation

DAMMAM, May 12 (SPA) — The regional Vocational Rehabilitation Center is organizing study tours for students to introduce them to social life satisfactorily.

The center's Director Abdul Rahman Al-Mujham said Monday that the tours will be conducted every Thursday under the supervision of a psychologist, who will take students to commercial establishments and general markets. This also will help them become used to dealing with others and to inculcate in them a feeling of self-confidence.

He said that such tours have effectively helped in creating self-reliance in the handicapped people. He added that the handicapped are helped to join in the Friday with a view to eliminating the feeling from others and engendering love and affection in them.

The director said the center admits totally and psychologically retarded possessing an intelligence level ranging 50 to 75 per cent. They are trained according to their mental capabilities, he added.

Sewage purification contract let

DAMMAM, May 12 (SPA) — The Municipal and Rural Affairs Department of the Eastern Province awarded a contract for purification of a sewage line to a Saudi Arabian firm. The SR950,000 contract was signed by Abdul Rahman Al-Shubaili, director of municipal and rural affairs in the Eastern Province Monday.

Libya inspects local communication

JEDDAH, May 12 (SPA) — A Libyan delegation led by Abdul Rahman Al-Sharif, president of the Libyan telecommunications center visited the Directorate of Meteorology in Jeddah Monday. The Libyan delegation is here on a five-day visit to Saudi Arabia.

The delegation inspected the building of the general directorate, the main meteorology station, the telecommunications center and the correspondence center. Sharif and his delegation arrived in Jeddah Sunday.

Alitalia to introduce airbus service

JEDDAH, May 12 — Alitalia will introduce its airbus service June 11 on flights to Jeddah and later to Cairo, London and Paris, it was reported Monday.

Alitalia airline has taken delivery of the first of eight ordered European 250-seat airbuses, the airliner constructors said. The Italian airline will receive three other A300 airbuses this year and the following four in

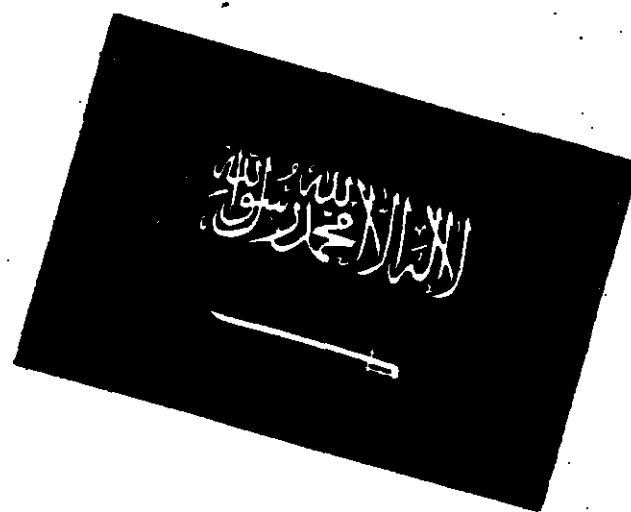
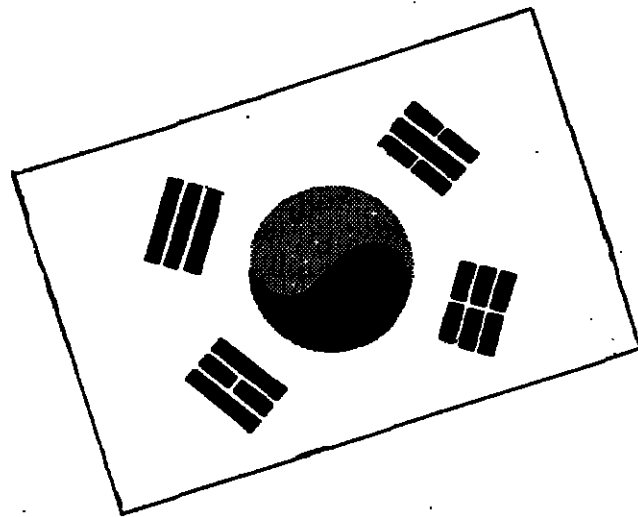
1981 and 1982.

The airbus was formally handed over to Alitalia Chairman Huberto Nordio by Airbus Industries President and Chief Executive Bernard Lathiere at a ceremony in Toulouse, southwest France. Alitalia, which signed a \$320 million contract with Airbus Industries for the fleet and spare parts, is the 18th airline to operate the airbus.

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On government land Ministry to build schools in Taif

TAIF, May 12 (SPA) — The Ministry of Education secured 106 government land plots of a 10,000 square meter area each to build 100 schools in Taif and vicinity.

Abdullah Al-Zaid, director of education in the Western Province, said construction will start in the coming fiscal year. He said that designs were ready and legal procedures had been completed. On Sunday,

Dr. Zaid leaves Kingdom for Doha

TAIF, May 12 (SPA) — French Minister Yvon Bourges left for Doha morning after a two-day visit to Arabia.

He was seen off at the airport by Minister of Education and Aviation Prince Sultan bin Abdul Aziz Al-Hamud, aide to the minister, Sheikh Kamel Sindi, assistant minister for civil aviation; Lt.

Dr. Zaid opened Second General Exhibition of Social Education in the province in presence of the Mayor Muhammad Said Farisi and other officials. All schools at all levels in the province have contributed paintings to the exhibition.

In a separate development, a delegation from King Faisal University in Dhahran left for Rabat Monday to attend the preliminary meeting for a conference on Arabization. The

Gen. Muhammad Al-Hammad, the chief of general staff; French Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Michel Drumetz; Saudi Ambassador to France, Sheikh Jamil Al-Hegelan; and other senior officials and high-ranking officers.

Drumetz said that the visit was successful and hoped that it will foster further cooperation between the two friendly countries.

meeting started Sunday.

The one week meeting will discuss a number of projects relating to dictionaries for higher education, oil, mass communications, social studies, management, astronomy and geology, upon the recommendation of previous seminars by Arab scholars.

Members of the delegation are Dr. Khaled Al-Sayed, the university's secretary, representing the university for management, and Dr. Abdul Mannan, a translator representing the university for geology.

Meanwhile, Dr. Didier Ganichot, cultural, scientific and technical cooperation counselor at the French embassy in Jeddah, Sunday, visited King Faisal University in the Eastern Province.

He discussed with the university secretary Dr. Muhammad Turki Al-Turki and other officials the possible exchange of expertise with French universities in medicine, science, agriculture and other areas.

The French official arrived in Dammam last Saturday and visited the university's branch in Hass. In Dammam, the Science Board of King Faisal University held its 16th session Sunday under Dr. Turki, who is also its chairman.

The meeting reviewed papers from the various faculties and decided on some grants as well as on applications for attending scientific congresses abroad. It also agreed on a certain number of staff promotions.

A task force of researchers in ecology and protection of the environment visited King Faisal University in Dammam Monday and discussed with officials topics related to pollution and protection of the environment.

The Conference on the Protection of the Environment held in Kuwait recently recommended that a delegation of researchers in the environmental field visit Arab countries to discuss the issue with the officials concerned.

It is reported from Riyadh that the sixth class of 13 specialist officers in criminology was honored Monday at the Officers Institute along with the 12 officers who completed the Ninth English language course.

Dammam to begin new public bus routes

DAMMAM, May 12 (SPA) — The Saudi Public Transport Company is initiating additional routes between Dammam, Baqiyah and Hofuf, Dammam and Jubail. The routes will begin operation as of May 22.

Bell Canada observes anniversary

RIYADH, May 12 — Minister of posts, telephone and telegraph Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayal and PTT deputy ministers Faisal Zaidan and Sulaiman Muhammad Ghandour were guests of honor at a Bell Canada centennial celebration Sunday.

Bell Canada hosted the desert feast to mark the 100th anniversary of the founding of the company. As well as the guests of honor, other senior officials from the Ministry of PTT, Saudi Telephone and Bell Canada also took part in the event, held on the grounds of the Ministry of PTT Computer Center in Riyadh.

Bell Canada was established as the Bell Telephone Company of Canada April 29, 1880, just four years after Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone in Brantford, Ontario, Canada, then and now part of Bell Canada's operating territory. By the end of 1880, the fledgling company was operating 13 exchanges and 2,100 telephones.

prayer times

Tuesday	Mecca	Medina	Nejd
Fajr	4.24	4.17	3.51
Ishraq	5.49	5.37	5.18
Dhuhr	12.23	12.24	11.58
Asr	3.41	3.51	3.22
Maghreb	6.53	6.59	7.00
Isha	8.23	8.29	8.00

WEATHER

Unsettled weather is predicted in most areas of the Kingdom. Temperatures will rise in the northern and western regions.

Winds will be active and south-easterly in the northern and parts of the western regions, causing sand storms.

Rains are expected to fall in the central, eastern, south-western and parts of the western region, especially the highlands where the sky will be cloudy to partially cloudy.

Seas will be moderate. Monday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	39	26
Jeddah	37	27
Riyadh	37	26
Dhahran	38	25
Medina	38	24
Taif	30	17
Jizan	37	27
Hail	35	18
Turaif	34	13
Qaisumah	36	24
Sulayyil	41	29
Abha	27	14

To run on weekends

The general supervisor of SAPTCO in the Eastern Province, Abdul Raufman Asel, said the lines will be run temporarily on Thursday and Fridays since people need means of transport during the weekend.

A bus will move every two hours from Thursday morning through Friday night continuously. The first trip from Dammam to Hofuf begins 6 a.m. Thursday and the last moves at 9 p.m. Friday.

The first trip from Hofuf to Dammam starts at 9:00 a.m. and the last one will be at midnight. The first bus from Dammam to Jubail begins at 9 p.m. Friday, and Jubail to Dammam begins at 11 p.m. Friday.

Tickets between Dammam and Hofuf will

cost SR15 and SR8 between Dammam and Baqiyah.

Asel said the city of Dammam will be covered with bus services by next month. SAPTCO's routes in Qatif had been completed. The lines cover Safwa, Darin, Tarot, Syhat, Ank and other areas with seven buses leaving every thirty minutes.

SAPTCO intends to secure 400 trips daily from Dammam, Qatif, Alkhobar, Dhahran and Taqba. The company is trying to finish its projects in the region to extend services to the rest of the Eastern Province by increasing the present number of trips because of the increasing number of people using SAPTCO buses.

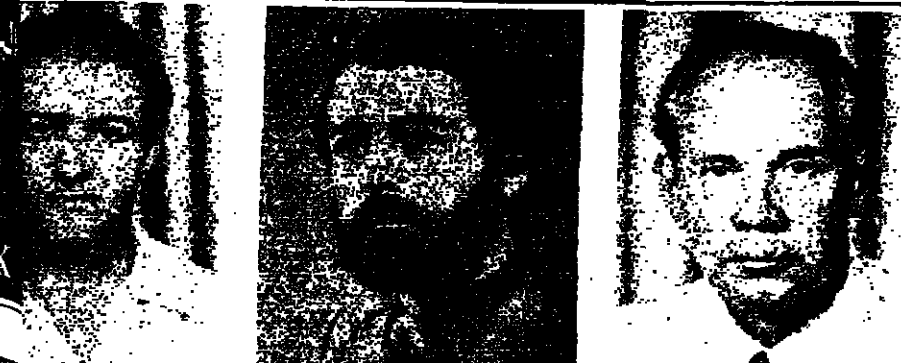
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URNAMENT: Organizers of the local Dunes Tennis Tournament include Eddie (left), committee chairman; Rudolf Glanzman of Swissair, general manager; and Kurt Rechlich, tennis tournament chairman.

Tennis tourney heads for finals

By Shirley Chu Mitschke

TAIF, May 12 — Local tennis is in the midst of the game for the upcoming in the Swissair-sponsored Dunes Tennis Tournament.

Players in the tournament on Friday, 6, will receive a round-trip ticket to Jeddah or Geneva or Zurich. semi-finals were punctuated with bouts of the local players vying for a number of prizes including men's singles, doubles and the Grand Masters' trophy.

Talented teenagers, Aida Abu and Lara Delaney (both 14 years) played remarkable progress in the semi-finals. These two young tennis players played up in the ladies' doubles and their first opponents, but the sub-match against Ruth Rechlich and Din was less successful. Aida Abu reached the ladies semi-finals and won by getting three games out of opponent Rechlich, but eventually

lost the set.

In the men's semi-finals, Don Clark, a late-beginner, executed some brilliant shots, but was defeated in two sets by a much younger and more tennis-wise player, Michael Sundin. The day's heat and humidity slipped off Sundin's shoulders as he moved toward his victory.

The Men's doubles between Vaillant/Vercoglio and Clark/Schmucke was close match with each team pitting wits and skill. In the first set, the two Americans, Clark/Schmucke played well and stole the set 6-1. In the second set, their two French opponents retaliated rapidly.

Results of the semi-finals are:

Men's singles — Eric Medeson defeated Karin Karjan 6-1, 6-4.
Michael Sundin defeated Don Clark 6-3, 6-0.
Ladies' singles — Ruth Rechlich defeated Aida Abu-Jaber 6-3, 6-0.
Domena Perry defeated Jo Sundin 6-1, 4-6, 6-1.
Men's doubles — Medeson/Dajani defeated Ditty/Salim 2-6, 6-2, 6-3.
Vaillant/Vercoglio defeated Clark/Schmucke 1-6, 6-3, 7-6.
Grand Masters — Eddie Ditty defeated Michael Vercoglio 6-2, 6-4.
Dr. A.K. Alhar defeated Kurt Rechlich 6-2, 2-6, 6-2.

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Jordan denies *Time* report on allowing commando raids

AMMAN, May 12 (R) — Jordanian officials said Monday there was no truth in a report by *Time* magazine that Jordan had agreed to allow Palestinian commandos to operate from its territory against the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

The officials said that renewed Palestinian military presence in Jordan, which was ended in 1970, was out of the question.

Kuwaiti newspapers Monday quoted Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan as denying the *Time* report.

Prince Hassan was quoted as saying: "The resumption of commando activities, which ended with the exit of the Palestinian resistance from Jordan in 1970, could result in a military adventure with Israel in which the Arabs would perhaps be the losers."

"Such a decision for restarting Palestinian commando activity should be taken by all Arab countries and not by Jordan alone."

Sources in the prince's office confirmed that he had cautioned against rash action which could lead to a war with Israel for which the Arabs were ill-prepared.

At the same time, he told Kuwaiti journalists accompanying Kuwait's Crown Prince Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah on a visit to Amman that the right to resist Israeli occupation was sacred.

The sources quoted Prince Hassan as saying that Arabs living under Israeli occupation "have every right to express their indignation and abhorrence of occupation and Israel's oppressive measures against them."

U.S. official, Begin discuss allocation of Yarmuk water

TEL AVIV, May 12 (AP) — American diplomat Philip Habib and Prime Minister Menachem Begin met Monday to discuss the allocation of water from the Yarmuk River, on which Jordan plans to construct a dam with U.S. aid.

The U.S. Congress has allocated \$150 million for the project, but the funding is conditional upon settlement of a dispute between the two countries over sharing water from the river.

The Yarmuk flows through northwestern

Jordanian territory until it enters the occupied Arab territory south of the Sea of Galilee, where it empties into the Jordan River.

Begin told Habib that Israel does not oppose the Jordanian dam as long as a satisfactory solution is found to the riparian rights issue, Israel radio reported.

Habib arrived in Israel over the weekend. He travels to Amman, Jordan, on Wednesday to continue the talks with Jordanian officials.

Was an FBI informer

Ex- GI killed in Hebron ambush

TEL AVIV, May 12 (AP) — Eli Haze'ev, an American immigrant killed in the May 2 ambush of Jewish settlers in the West Bank city of Hebron, had served as an FBI informer in the United States, the Israeli newspaper *Maariv* reported.

It quoted Haze'ev's father, retired U.S. Air Force Col. James A. Mahon of Virginia as saying his son was "planted" by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in a radical organization that planned to explode bombs in government buildings in the Washington area in 1972.

Haze'ev, one of six settlers killed in the Hebron ambush, came to Israel after the 1973 Mideast war and changed his name from James Eli Malone to the Hebrew name Eli Haze'ev, *Maariv* said. It reported he was a 32-year-old Vietnam war veteran who had been wounded in combat.

Haze'ev was living in the Kiryat Arba settlement outside the Palestinian city of Hebron on the West Bank of the Jordan River and was leaving a prayer service with other members of the settlement when they were ambushed by Palestinian liberation fighters.

President Chadli Benjedid

Chadli given full freedom on agriculture reform

ALGIERS, May 12 (AFP) — The Central Committee of Algeria's ruling National Liberation Front (FLN) has given President Chadli Benjedid complete freedom to change the organization of the country's agriculture, a key and controversial sector of Algeria's economy.

The dispute is among those who favor "continuity at any price" and those who favor a certain liberalization of agricultural bureaucracy.

The central committee, Algeria's highest ruling body, at its first regular session this year, also entirely backed the president regarding cultural problems illustrated by the recent Berber unrest at Tizi Ouzou. The committee forcefully reaffirmed predominance of the Arab language.

The agricultural problems, which have for some years been a headache for the country's rulers and the cause of grumbling by the public, were at the center of the central committee meeting.

While declaring itself politically in favor of the "agricultural revolution" launched in 1971, and for self-management in agriculture, the committee also envisaged a series of measures and reforms aimed at easing restrictions, often of a bureaucratic nature, on agricultural development.

The committee agreed to give full power to the government to take "urgent and indispensable decisions to put structures and socialist agricultural enterprises back in order."

It also called on the national assembly to take all appropriate necessary legislative measures aimed at freeing the agricultural sector of internal and external constraints hindering its socialist development.

Morocco continues drive against Polisario

RABAT, May 12 (Agencies) — Moroccan forces continued a drive against Western Saharan guerrillas in southern Morocco on Friday and Saturday, inflicting fresh losses on the guerrillas, the Moroccan news Agency MAP reported Sunday.

The agency, quoting official sources, said Moroccan aircraft attacked a group of 32 Polisario Front guerrilla vehicles fleeing eastward toward the Algerian frontier on Friday and destroyed 19.

450 killed

Saturday, a communiqué issued here said the Moroccans had killed or wounded more than 450 of the Algerian-backed guerrillas since the offensive began last Tuesday. It said Moroccan losses were 36 dead and 40 wounded.

(The Polisario, which is fighting for the independence of the Western Sahara from Morocco, claimed in Algiers on Friday that its guerrillas had repelled the offensive, killing 327 Moroccan soldiers and destroying more than 50 military vehicles.)

The drive involves an estimated 10,000 Moroccan troops, supported by armor, artillery and aircraft. It is aimed at eliminating Polisario guerrillas who have infiltrated the mountainous Quarkez area of southern Morocco, close to the Algerian border.

Genocide

Meanwhile, an Algerian newspaper, citing a report from the Sahrawi Red Crescent, said Monday Sahrawi people in south Morocco are threatened with "genocide" by the Moroccan authorities.

The paper made no reference to the fighting in the Quarkez area. Its report centered on the civilian Sahrawi peoples whom it said suffered daily "executions" and "reprisals" by Moroccan military authorities.

Pakistan police make 'record' hashish haul

ISLAMABAD, May 12 (AFP) — Police seized 1,275 kilograms (2,811 pounds) of hashish and 25 kilograms (55 pounds) of opium in "a record swoop" after an armed clash with drug traffickers near the Punjab capital Lahore, official sources said.

The drugs loaded in a truck were being taken to Lahore Friday for onward shipment to a foreign country, the sources said Sunday.

One suspected dealer has been arrested and police sources believe that the recent haul will lead to further discoveries and more arrests.



LEAVE U.S.: Muhammad Gamudi (left), faces reporters in Washington last week to announce that he and three other Libyans would not leave the U.S. after being ordered by the U.S. State Department. The four Libyans have been accused of "intimidation activities" against Libyan dissidents in the U.S. However, on Friday, the U.S. and Libyan governments reached an agreement whereby Libya recalled the four. The four Libyans left the U.S. Sunday night.

Accused of 'intimidation acts'

Four Libyans leave U.S.

WASHINGTON, May 12 (AP) — Four Libyans ordered to leave the United States for allegedly harassing Libyan dissidents here left the country Sunday night, ending a diplomatic incident that threatened relations between the two countries.

The four Libyans, who worked for the Libyan diplomatic mission in Washington, were ordered out of the country last week but refused to leave on grounds they weren't diplomats and had done no wrong. Agents of the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) then surrounded the Libyan "people's bureau" where they worked and said they would arrest the men if they stepped outside.

As tensions mounted, Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi even threatened to cut off oil supplies to the United States. But on Friday, the two governments reached an agreement whereby Libya recalled the four.

The FBI said the four men departed nearby Dulles International Airport on a TWA flight to Paris early Sunday evening.

Libyans seize embassy in Turkey

ANKARA, May 12 (AP) — A group of 150 Libyans, most of them university students, took over the Libyan embassy in Ankara Monday and formed a "people's committee" to handle its administration, police reported.

The slogan-chanting group hailed Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi, and declared that the embassy would be called a "people's bureau."

Libyan Ambassador to Turkey Saadeddin

The U.S. State Department had accused the men — Abdullah Zbedi, Muhammad Gamudi, Ali Muhammad el-Ramman and Muni Sweden — of "engaging in intimidation activities toward Libyan dissidents in the country." Their alleged actions were reportedly part of a campaign of terror against many Libyan students who oppose Qaddafi's regime.

The four denied any wrongdoing and a head of Libya's "people's bureau" said it worked only to disseminate "news and information" to students from their home land.

It was the latest in a series of Libyan political developments that have spilled over in Europe and the United States.

Five Libyan dissidents, opponents of Qaddafi have been killed in Europe in the last months: three in Rome and two in London. Italian and British police are investigating the possibility that supporters of Qaddafi systematically killing his opponents abroad.

Abushweh said he had turned over duties to a five-man committee chosen by Libyan nationals in Ankara. The envoy's he himself would return to Tripoli.

The incident appeared to be in line with orders of Qaddafi, issued last fall, for simultaneous takeovers of Libyan diplomatic missions elsewhere in the world.

At that time several Libyan embassies in European capitals, including those in London and Rome, were turned over to the so-called people's committees.

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Watson near \$2m winnings

DALLAS, May 12 (AP) — Scrambling on Watson outlasted charging Bill Rogers by a single stroke over the final 36 holes Sunday to capture his third consecutive Byron Nelson Golf Classic title and move close to \$2 million in winnings. The finish was almost a replay of last year when Rogers birdied the final hole to send the tournament into a playoff with Watson, who won on the 18th extra hole.

Rogers was inches short with a 12-foot (3.6 m) birdie putt on the 36th hole and Watson took away the title with a par on the last hole played. The 30-year-old Watson, winning his third straight championship on the PGA Tour and fifth in 11 tries this year, stalked rough the Texas wind, heat and humidity to win rounds of 69 and 71 over the demanding 70 Preston Trail Golf Club he knows so well.

The 28-year-old Rogers shot 70-67 for a 135 total as he again finished second. Watson's 72-hole total of 274 earned him \$4,000 and put his winnings at \$1,971,958. He also won a golf ball made of silver, gold and diamonds worth another \$25,000.

The only other golfers ahead of Watson on the all-time money list are Jack Nicklaus with \$11 million and Lee Trevino with \$2.4 million. Again, a hole-out was the key to Watson's win, much as it had been Friday when he led an eight-iron for an eagle duce, and Sunday when he knocked in pitching wedge for a birdie.

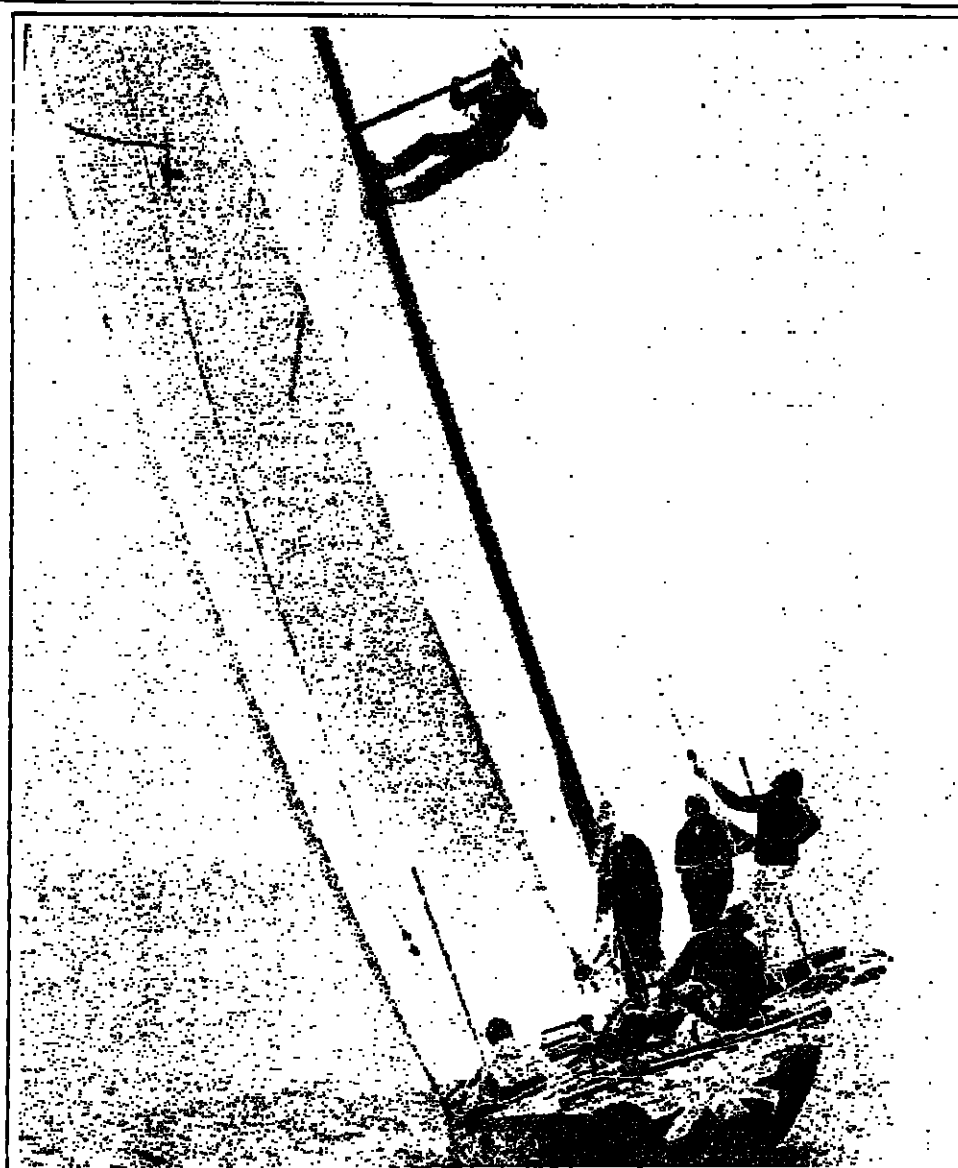
On the second round Sunday, a chip shot hit from 60 feet (18.2 meters) away hit the hole and went into the hole for a birdie, leaving ying partners 25-year-old Curtis Strange and 29-year-old George Burns shaking their heads. Strange, who won the Houston Open last week in a playoff with Lee Trevino, led the day a shot behind in a head-to-head pairing with Watson, shooting 70 in the morning round but soaring to four-over 74 on the second round.

Bill Kratzert finished third with a two-under par 68 in the morning and a one-over 71 in the afternoon for a three-under par total of 277. George Cadle was fourth with rounds of 67-72 for 278.

Starting with the seventh hole on the final round, Watson missed the green on four of five holes. He saved par from a bunker with a 10-foot (2.3 meters) putt, chipped in on the other, bogeyed a hole, then chipped to within five feet and made the putt.

Lakers, 76ers tied

PHILADELPHIA, May 12 (AP) — Little unice Cheeks and giant Darryl Dawkins tied 44 points between them and triggered aird-period rally that carried the Philadelphia 76ers to a 105-102 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers Sunday and evened their National Basketball Association championship series at two games apiece.



LIONHEART CHALLENGER: Lionheart, the British challenger for the September 6 America's Cup yacht race, begins tune-up races for a preliminary race against French and Swedish challengers. Elimination races begin August 6 for the race off the coast of Rhode Island.

West Ham victors greeted

LONDON, May 12 (AFP) — West Ham United's F.A. cup winning stars were given a heroes' welcome by 200,000 fans in London's East end here Sunday. The "Hammers" were overwhelmed by the turnout of jubilant cockneys, and manager John Lyall admitted: "They have pitched the glory from us."

There was a rush of claret and blue (the team colors) flags and banners as the singing.

Vilas routs Borg for Argentina win

DUESSELDORF, West Germany, May 12 (AP) — Guillermo Vilas beat Bjorn Borg of Sweden 6-3, 1-6, 6-1 Sunday to earn Argentina a berth in the finals of the \$250,000 Nations Cup tournament. Argentina then took an unbeatable 2-0 lead against Sweden when Jose Luis Clerc beat Kjell Johansson 6-0, 6-1.

chanting fans gathered to give the players a real East End welcome after their 1-0 victory over Arsenal in Saturday's Wembley Cup final.

Thousands of people, ranging from toddlers to grandparents lined a four-mile route as the team was driven to a civic reception at East Ham Town Hall. Proudly holding aloft the coveted FA (Football Association) cup, the Hammers were cheered all the way in the scorching sunshine.

Vilas played excellent tennis against a tired Borg, showing enough patience to return Borg's shots when they hurt him most. Italy went into a 2-0 lead over the United States for the other final berth when Adriano Panatta beat Harold Solomon of the United States 3-7, 6-1, 6-1, and Corrado Barazzutti beat Gene Mayer 6-3, 0-6, 7-5.

Sibling rivalry: Braves down Astros 7-4

NEW YORK, May 12 (AP) — Phil Niekro outdueled his younger brother Joe, hurling a seven-hitter to give the Atlanta Braves a 7-4 victory over the Houston Astros Sunday. It was the eighth time that the brothers had faced each other in their National League careers, and each now has won four. It was only the second complete game of the year for Phil Niekro, 2-4.

Joe Niekro, 4-2, was chased in a four-run Atlanta sixth inning after giving up eight hits. Luiz Gomez singled in two of the runs and Jerry Royster tripled home the other two. Gary Matthews and Bob Horner, each making his first start for the Braves since April 26, figured in the Braves' go-ahead run in the fifth inning. With two out, Horner wound up on second base on an error by Houston third baseman Enos Cabell. Matthews then drilled a single to score Horner to snap a 2-2 tie.

In other National League action, pitcher Dick Ruthven drove in a pair of runs with a second-inning single as the Philadelphia Phillies defeated the Cincinnati Reds 7-3. Shortstop Gary Templeton bobbled Steve Garvey's

two out grounder for an error, opening the gates for a four-run Los Angeles first inning and the Dodgers went on to a 4-2 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals.

Larry Herndon, a last-minute replacement for Jack Clark, doubled to trigger a three-run sixth inning and Ed Whitson posted his first victory after five losses as the San Francisco Giants defeated the Chicago Cubs 3-0. Jerry Mumphy capped a three-run first inning with a two-run single and Randy Jones picked up his third win of the year with a six-hitter as the San Diego Padres whipped the Pittsburgh Pirates 5-0. Rain washed out a doubleheader between the New York Mets and Montreal Expos.

In the American League, unbeaten Tommy John tossed a six-hitter for his third shutout and sixth victory of the season and Ruppert Jones drove in three runs to pace the New York Yankees to a 5-0 victory over the Minnesota Twins. A two-run homer by Fred Lynn and a run-scoring single by Rick Burleson keyed a three-run third inning that carried the Boston Red Sox to a 5-2 victory over

the Kansas City Royals.

Dick Davis singled and scored the go-ahead run in the seventh on a grounder by Sal Bando and Larry Hise slammed a two-run homer, leading the Milwaukee Brewers to a 5-4 victory over the Baltimore Orioles.

Dan Petry hurled a four-hitter for his first major league shutout as the Detroit Tigers defeated California 4-0. The slumping Angels' sixth consecutive loss. Unbeaten Mike Norris continued his stingy pitching and sailed to his fifth victory with a seven-hitter as the Oakland A's battered the Toronto Blue Jays 12-1 in a battle of American League division leaders.

Jim Beattie, with relief help from Shane Rawley in the seventh inning, picked up his first victory in a Seattle uniform as the Mariners beat the Cleveland Indians 9-4. In an AL night game, Doc Medich and Sparky Lyle scattered six hits and John Ellis drove in two runs with a single and a sacrifice fly to lead the Texas Rangers to a 5-1 victory over the Chicago White Sox.

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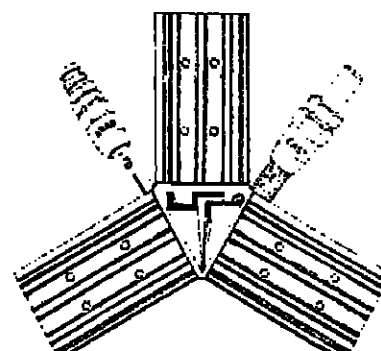
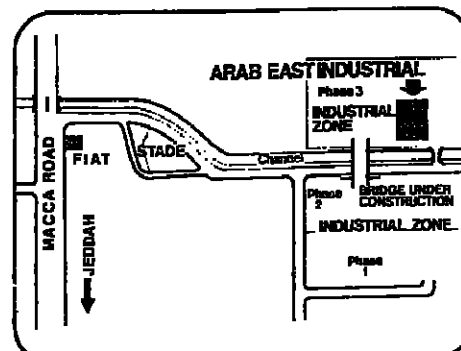
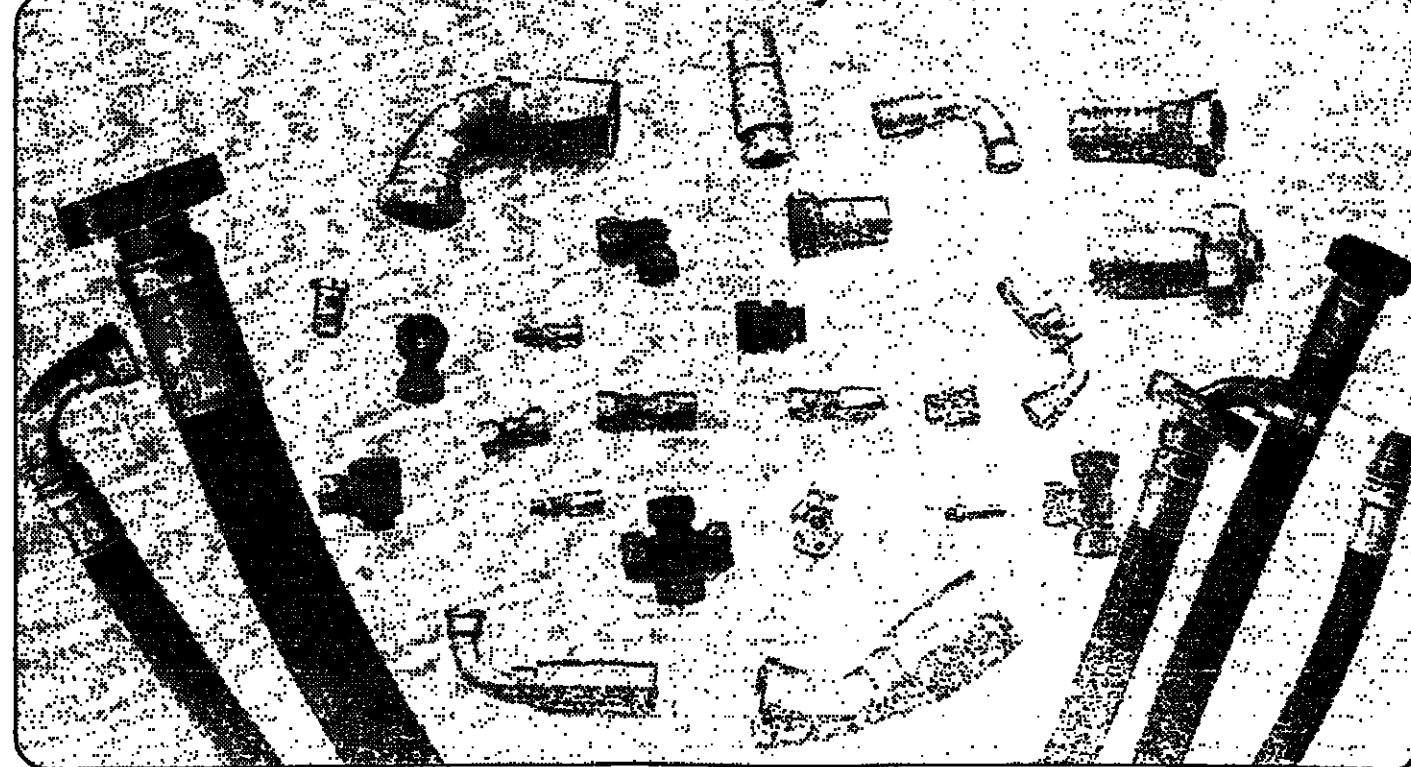
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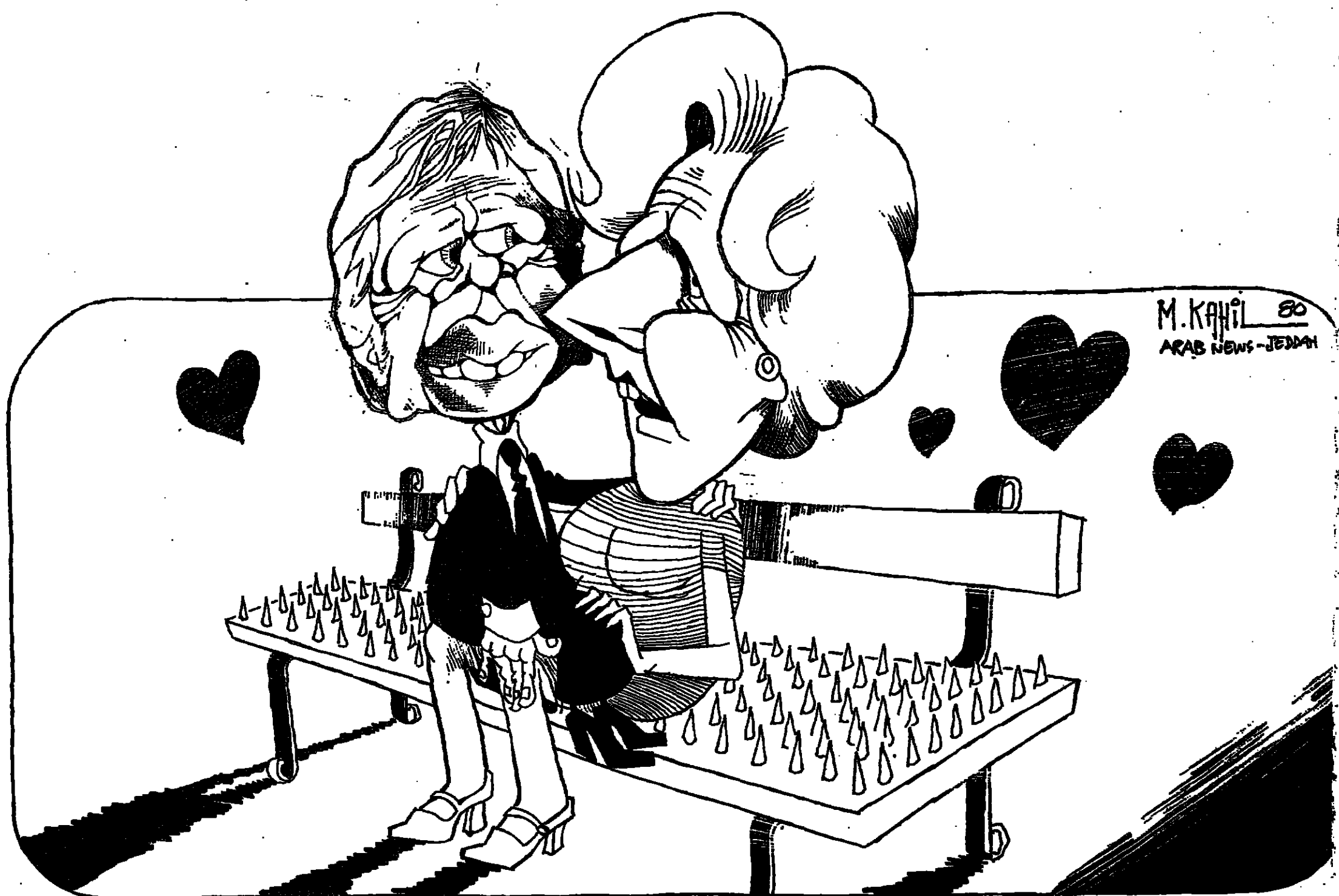
BEHIND SADAT'S MOVE

The immediate reason for President Sadat's suspension of the Palestinian "autonomy" talks with Israel is his awareness, so long evaded, of the intrinsic futility of the task. But a no less important reason is his realization that the United States is about to change tack on the Middle East. The Egyptian president's move anticipates such a possibility. He does not want to be caught on the wrong side of the fence in the event of the Americans crossing over from the fatally restricted Camp David side.

Washington sources agree that a general reevaluation of America's foreign policy, especially on the Middle East, is in the offing. The present administration is sufficiently confident about its chance for reelection to begin planning for the future. In addition to its attempt to restart a dialogue with the Soviet Union, it has seen the necessity of easing its strained relations with many of the countries of the Middle East, with whom it had so many interests in common. It has realized that a continuation of the futile Camp David formula would do nothing but endanger those interests, as well as bring the area as a whole to the verge of a new explosion.

A dramatic illustration of this came in the speech given by President Carter in Philadelphia, in which he returned to the theme of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, and warned that a delay in their attainment would only strengthen extremism in the area. The administration has recalled the American ambassadors in both Egypt and Israel for consultations, and the ambassadors to other countries in the area are to follow them soon.

The U.S. administration must be aware that the abandonment of the Camp David formula and the start for a new initiative for a comprehensive and just peace settlement will be rejected by Israel; and that a just solution, in which even the minimum of Arab demands are accommodated can only be imposed on the Israelis. The administration's change of heart on this question will remain a matter of words only, unless it was willing to go all the way in forcing Israel to respect international law and concede the right of the Palestinians to a state of their own in which they can fulfill their national destiny.



Mrs. Thatcher's nagging splits Europe

By Robert Stephens

LUXEMBOURG — The European Community summit meeting here recently wasn't much of an advertisement for European diplomacy.

Its break-up in angry disagreement over Britain's contribution to the Community budget did nothing to enhance the international political image of the West after the fiasco of the American rescue raids in Iran and the resignation of Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

The meeting of the nine heads of government, including Britain's Margaret Thatcher, the French President Giscard d'Estaing, and West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, with Italian Premier Francesco Cossiga in the chair, missed a double opportunity.

First, a settlement of the British claim to a reduced net contribution to the Community budget — currently estimated at over \$2,250 million — would have removed a serious obstacle to the Community's cohesion and future internal development and eliminated a source of rancor between its leading members, especially Britain and France.

Second, a display of European unity and readiness to put its own house in order, would have shown realism and a sense of proportion at a time of world crisis. It would have strengthened the ability of Europe's leaders to play a more active moderating, mediating and supporting role in relation to the United States' dealings with Iran, the Middle East and the Soviet Union.

The sad fact is that agreement was almost within the grasp of the Nine. The summit came, in the words of Roy Jenkins, the president of the European Commission, " tantalizingly" close to agreement and the disappointment at its failure was all the greater.

The dark international outlook seemed to be encouraging the Europeans to make a supreme effort to settle their own problems, thus freeing their hands to deal with bigger international tasks at a time when United States leadership and diplomacy had hit rock bottom.

The preceding summit in Dublin last December had ended in acrimonious division, with Mrs. Thatcher sticking firmly to her claim for the refund of \$2,250 million of "our money". She had been offered some \$790 million from the mechanism established in 1975 to compensate poor countries whose budget contribution was a disproportionate burden. In addition there had been discussion of some extra money from increased Community spending in Britain.

Giscard wanted any rebate to be a once-only payment. Thatcher was pressing for a long-term arrangement — to last at least until agreement was

reached on reform of the budget structure and its 70 per cent expenditure on farm support under the Common Agricultural Policy.

The main reason for Britain's deficit is that, with fewer farmers and a high level of food imports from outside the Community, it gets less back and pays in more than any other Community member, including the richest, France and Germany.

By the time the last meeting began here lower-level diplomacy had revealed what appeared to be the framework of an agreement consisting of the three elements.

1. The financial mechanisms which might cut \$790 million from the deficit.

2. Increased Community spending in Britain on projects which further Community aims, such as "convergence" between the richer and poorer economies of the Community, developing transport and expanding coal and other energy production.

3. A long-term negotiation to reform the budget structure and agricultural policy, which would remove the main cause of the British deficit.

There was speculation that this package might bring Britain a rebate of between \$1,350 and \$1,700 million. Would Mrs. Thatcher accept less than the whole loaf?

There were two other important elements in the negotiations, apart from the amounts of money. One was the duration of any agreement. Thatcher

wanted a six-year agreement with provision for review in the light of progress in reforming the budget. The French wanted a shorter period of one or two years.

The other element was the French insistence on linking a budget solution with a settlement of all other outstanding Community problems — especially farm prices, fisheries policy and lamb marketing.

Thatcher rejected any formal linkage, arguing that these other matters should be discussed in parallel with the budget "in the same time-scale".

The British were pressing for a freeze on all surplus farm products, milk, sugar and wine, and a price increase of not more than the 2.4 per cent proposed by the Commission. Europe's farmers were lobbying hard for a nearly 7 per cent price increase, and in their meetings here the eight agricultural ministers, with Britain disagreeing, settled on a 4.5 per cent increase.

One reason for Britain's opposition to linking a deal over the budget with an increase in farm prices was the fear that the inevitable increase in Community spending on agriculture would reduce the value of any rebate Britain might get.

This fear would have been removed by the ingenious new formula presented by the French, under which agreement would be expressed in the form of a ceiling to Britain's net contribution rather

than in terms of a rebate; it would not rise with farm prices (though the latter would mean higher food prices in Britain, as in other member countries).

The *quid pro quo* was that Britain should veto on the proposed increase in farm prices drop its insistence on a freeze on surplus products.

Germany agreed to negotiate on this basis, though it meant Germany would have had to most of the bill — to pay the British and to fix the Common Agricultural Policy and French farmers. A dozen or so variations, with differences of money coupled with different duration and conditions, were tried and failed, mostly rejected. Thatcher.

After hours of prolonged haggling, Giscard d'Estaing came up with a joint proposal, their offer. This would have given Thatcher a three-quarters of the \$2,250 million she had asked for, provided she accepted a 5 per cent increase in farm prices.

To general astonishment and exasperation rejected this, too. Its duration after the first years, she said, was not clearly enough defined.

So the talks broke down, and Giscard d'Estaing swore not to discuss the matter again at summit council. Debate could go on at lower levels but they would have no more truck with it.

Chinese to lose Four Big Freedoms

By Jonathan Mirsky

LONDON — China's citizens are being informed that their constitutionally guaranteed Four Big Freedoms "prevent the enjoyment of democratic rights."

These announcements cap the effort to excise from the Chinese constitution the right "to speak out freely, air views fully, hold debates, and write big-character posters." The end is near for these unique forms of communication in Chinese mass politics.

The Four Bigs or Rights, as they came to be known, emerged in the late 1950s during the Hundred Flowers, a time in which, to Mao Tse-tung's surprise, intellectuals took advantage of a brief thaw to question the course of the revolution.

It is now claimed that the Four Bigs were criminally misused during the subsequent anti-rightist movement, which witnessed the disgrace and banishment of thousands.

Although he admits that many errors were committed at that time, Vice-Premier Deng Xiaoping has reiterated that the 1957 campaign itself was necessary to restore order and discipline, two of the

current party watchwords. Rather than insuring against the misuse of the constitutional guarantees, however, the party has decided to get rid of them. "We made a mistake there," Deng says.

How is it that such guarantees, in the words of a key official, "created an opportunity for some people to encourage factionalism, confusion, and disruption in work, education, and scientific research?"

It is alleged that some especially "bad elements" (a constitutionally proscribed criminal class of unclear definition) took advantage of the Four Bigs to compose big-character posters designed to leak party and state secrets. The imprisoned dissident Wei Jingsheng, who posted his views at the now-dismantled Democracy Wall, is named as one such "bad person".

Other "bad people" exploiting the Four Big Freedoms framed the innocent, masterminded an infinity of legal miscarriages, and generally transformed the Bigs into "four stone blocks or four iron rods weighing on the backs of the people."

Only "bad people" were protected by these bourgeois rights, a well-known actress is reported as saying. Even President Liu Shaoqi could not defend himself when he turned overnight into a

"traitor," "renegade," and "scab." Under such circumstances what democratic right is there to speak of?

Since hundreds of thousands of Chinese far more important than the recently rehabilitated Liu fared during the same period, any explanation that went wrong is bound to carry weight.

The *Guangming Daily*, one of the papers at the Four Big Freedoms, does not deny the fact of wall posters. As in all recent directives concerning unorthodox literature, the paper warns "even a single wall poster can arouse much confusion, cripple a production plant, or immobilize party committee. It may also be responsible person's death."

The destructiveness of what might be an on composition lies in its power to confuse the minds. Wall posters in China have been a minor official pronouncements and genuine spontaneity. What alarms the leadership is "poster writing deviates from the track of democratic centralism (that is, party policy) and abets chaos and its joy" — namely producing the same effect as ermanent directives but without their authority.

China's leaders are insisting that only ban emerge from such bogus freedoms. (OFNS)

Saudi press review

A majority of newspapers Monday led with Crown Prince Fahd's interview with the Qatari newspaper *Al Raya* dealing with the need for self-defense in the Gulf. They also gave prominence to the Crown Prince's advice that Arabs must not lose their independence in trying to avoid the Soviet threat. In a lead story, *Al Yom* reported that Zionist authorities forcibly stopped three expelled Palestinians from entering occupied Palestine.

The newspapers frontpaged King Khaled's welcome to South Korean President Choi Kyu-Hah, who arrived in Riyadh Sunday on a three-day official visit to Saudi Arabia. They also gave front-page play to an agreement signed between the defense ministers of Saudi Arabia and France to equip the Royal Saudi Navy. The Israeli authorities' forcible ban on the expelled Palestinian leaders from entering the occupied territory figured prominently in the news-

papers. The South Korean president's visit to the Kingdom was a major topic in the newspaper editorials Monday. Some editorials concentrated on the third development plan and the Crown Prince's interview with the Qatari paper. The Lebanese situation and the expelled Palestinian leaders' bid to enter Palestine were also dealt with in some editorials.

In an editorial, *Al Jazirah* spelled out the hope that South Korea will announce its recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization during its president's current visit to Saudi Arabia. The paper said the Korean recognition will reinforce Arab-Korean ties in general and Saudi-Korean relations in particular. Welcoming the presidential visit, the paper said the Arabs cannot but praise Korea, which has invariably supported the principles of right, justice and freedom and endorsed the legitimate rights of the people of

Palestine. On the same subject, *Okaz* hoped that the Korean leader's visit and his talks with Saudi leaders will further strengthen the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the two countries. The paper lauded South Korea's successful experience in the field of development and its determination to be self-sufficient despite limited resources.

Commenting on the Crown Prince's talk with the Qatari paper, *Al Nadwa* endorsed his views that the Arabs must not lose their independence in trying to avert the Soviet threat. The paper highlighted the Crown Prince's strong views that the people of the Gulf must defend themselves without the presence of alien military powers on their soil.

The paper said Prince Fahd made it clear that Saudi Arabians and their brothers in the Gulf states can never bargain their sovereignty and independence for

the sake of warding off the Soviets. It reaffirmed that the people of the region will be ready to sacrifice all against those who dare grasp at the warm waters of the Gulf.

On the third development plan, *Al Medina* said the success of the earlier plans has shown that bringing progress and prosperity to a country like Saudi Arabia is not an easy task. The strides the country has made in both material and moral fields in only a few years was striking if measured with the standards of normal growth, the paper said.

Al Bilad emphasized that the success of the plan is mainly dependent on Saudi Arabians, as the state has planned soundly and has been liberal in its expenditure for the country's development. The paper stressed that the nations are not built only on material resources, but also and most importantly on will and determination.

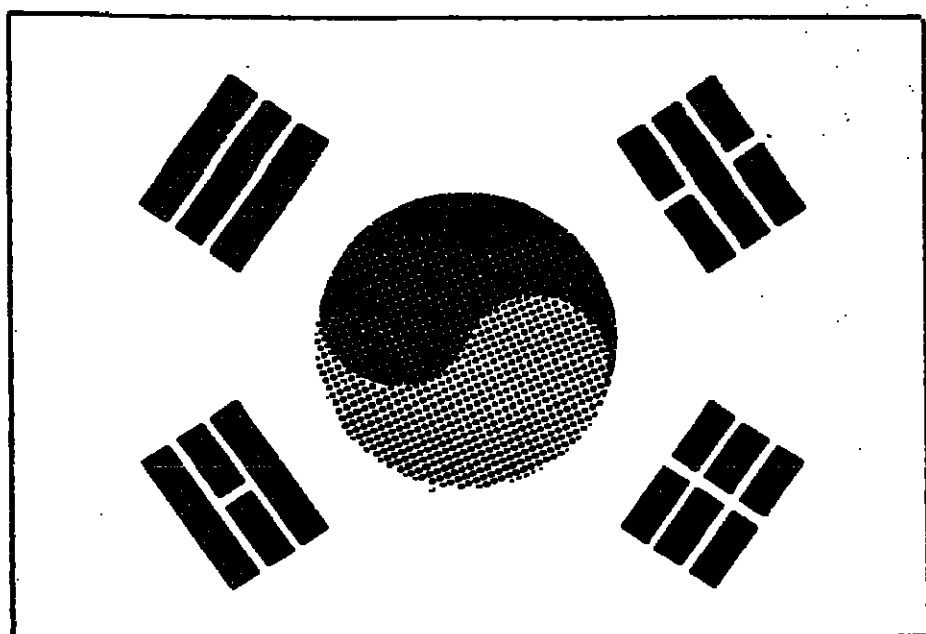
Dealing with Lebanon, *Al Riyadh* said the main stumbling block to reconciliation is the sponsorship by the Phalangists and Israel of the militia leader Saad Haddad. It said the interaction between Israel and the Phalangists provides a base for Israeli provocations in South Lebanon and stops the Lebanese regular army and the peacekeeping force from carrying out their mission.

Al Yom dwelled on the expelled Palestinian leaders' peaceful march toward their homeland, and said that their march was not only a demonstration, as some might think, but also reassuring proof of the spirit of steadfastness in the Arabs and their determination to face the challenges. The paper urged the Palestinians to particular and the Arabs in general to take pride in this new form of resistance and to stand as one man in the face of the enemy who has usurped the Arab and Islamic land.



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Army said controlling Uganda

But Binaisa aide claims civilians still hold power

KAMPALA, May 12 (AP) — A spokesman for soldiers loyal to army Chief of Staff David Oyite Ojok said Monday they were in full control of Uganda, but an aide to civilian President Godfrey Binaisa said Binaisa was still freely exercising the powers of his office.

Soldiers backing Ojok held control of the government radio station and Kampala's main post office for the second day, although few soldiers were seen on the streets. Many office workers stayed home and the capital remained quiet.

"The military commission is in full control of the country," the spokesman said in Kampala. He said the commission was in continuous session and was deciding its actions by unanimous votes.

Binaisa was at his official residence in Entebbe, (32 kilometers) away from Kampala. He was reported Sunday under the protection of soldiers from neighboring Tanzania.

Asked whether Binaisa continued to act as president, an aide, reached by telephone, replied: "Oh, yes."

Despite a military call for Ugandans to go to work as usual, streets were nearly deserted in Kampala and few cars were running at 8:30 a.m., when the city of 400,000 is usually bustling. Most taxis were not operating.

Banks, government offices and many shops opened an hour later, although many were short of workers. The post office, on the main street, remained closed under military guard.

An employee of a central Kampala hotel said: "I came to work in fear. So far, we are OK, although we expect anything at any time. Pray for me and all Ugandans."

The military revolt developed after Binaisa, citing a worsening security situation, dismissed Ojok from his army command Saturday. Ojok, supported by allies on the military commission, refused to go.

The six-man commission nominally commands no troops and has no powers of decision. It is an arm of the national consultative council, the interim parliament pending elections.



President Binaisa

tions scheduled for December.

But the commission includes as members Ojok and Major General Tito Okello, the army commander, both allies of former President Milton Obote, in Tanzanian exile since he was overthrown by dictator Idi Amin in 1971, plans to return home this month to prepare for presidential elections in which he would be Binaisa's main opponent.

The commission's chairman is Labor Minister Paul Muwanga, another Obote backer. Binaisa shifted Muwanga from a more powerful job as minister of internal affairs, in charge of civilian security forces, in a cabinet shuffle some months ago.

Muwanga, Ojok and Okello were all in Kampala. Two commission members who might have opposed the revolt — deputy Defense Minister Lt. Col. Maria, and Uweini Musjeveni, minister for regional cooperation, were out of the country.

In Dar Es Salaam, the Tanzanian capital, Obote said Monday he was not behind the crisis and would not return if the military rebels called him back.

The revolt presented Ugandans with their second and potentially most explosive government crisis in the year since Tanzanian troops ousted Amin and ended an oppressive military regime. Political squabbling among civilian and military factions forced Yusufu



Gen. Ojok

Lule, the first president after Amin, out of office after only two months.

Binaisa received Tanzanian endorsement to succeed Lule. But the British-trained lawyer, who spent most of the Amin years in the United States, has failed to curb inflation, large-scale corruption and repeated waves of revenge killings and armed robberies.

The military commission appeared to be moving cautiously in their drive to take power from Binaisa. Some observers believed they were unsure of the reaction of some 10,000 Tanzanian troops who remain in Uganda and are still the country's strongest armed force.

The commission has avoided declaring an all-out coup. It denied Binaisa use of the government radio but made no immediate move to oust him from his Entebbe residence.

Late Sunday night, the commission broadcast a ban on all foreign exchange transactions, another sign of a step-by-step extension of its claimed authority.

An employee at the government radio said Monday morning: "The military authorities are the ones making announcements. We don't know what is actually taking place."

When the power struggle erupted on Saturday, several ministers were out of the country because of Yugoslav President Josip Broz Tito's funeral.

'Austere' N. Viets irritate Saigonese

HO CHI MINH CITY, May 12 (AFP) — "Cold, austere, rigid, impenetrable, calculating. Maoist" are the words most often used by Saigonese to describe "northerners" — particularly the civil servants who since 1975 have arrived in a steady stream from Hanoi to help direct local affairs in the South.

"Communism's aim is to raise the level of the people so that everyone can be happy, not to make everyone poor and unhappy," a Saigon resident grumbled in private. "When poverty becomes a revolutionary reference, when austerity becomes the foundation of morality, this is no longer Communism. It is Maoism. There are many Maoists among the teams from the north."

Saigonese amuse themselves these days with a play on words. In Vietnamese, the word "Maoist" is pronounced "Mao-it." The word "it" means "little." Saigonese now call the northerners "Mao-nhiet" for "Mao-much."

But some people do not joke. "There are many (northerners) for whom I have enormous affection," Ngo Con Duc — a veteran of the "Third Force" and now director of Viet-

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nam's only "private" daily newspaper — said. "But I do not like the corrupt ones, the conservatives, the Maoists, those who ask too many sacrifices and do not think about happiness."

"Many functionaries call themselves revolutionaries simply because they come from the north," a professor of agricultural economy said.

The former health minister under South Vietnam's provisional revolutionary government, Mrs. Duong Quynh Hoa, makes a distinction between those northerners "who have the sickness of dogmatism" and the rest of the population in the northern provinces.

"These are people who were asked for more than 30 years to make enormous sacrifices. Today, they have to accept the fact that the people for whom they fought and sacrificed live better than they do," Mrs. Duong said. "The Saigonese are still fragile. The northerners are hardened, used to sacrificing for the revolution, and can take a few more years of deprivation. Many northerners who come here ask questions when they see the abundance of goods and the living level of

the Saigonese. They are deeply upset, understand."

A story making the rounds in Saigon traces the schism. A northerner loses a dong note (half a dollar) in a Saigon one night. He is down on his knees for it when a Saigonese walks by and what the problem is. When the Saigonese answers, he takes a 50-dong note (2 lars) out of his pocket, rolls it up, lights a match, and gives it to the northerner to see better.

Strangely enough, the majority of Saigonese, non-Communist or anti-Communist, seem unsurprised by the northern attitude and therefore uncritical. "The people the north have always been like that," dent remarked. "They are capable of life the woods with nothing to eat and no planning. They are not people like us."

Criticized or not, the northerners are idly entrenched in the south. In every city or town there is at least one northerner People's Committee which administers affairs.

Under Tito system

Yugoslavia to change presidents Thursday

BELGRADE, May 11 (AFP) — The naming of a new head of state — for a year only — will mark the resumption of political activity in Yugoslavia after a lull during President Josip Broz Tito's four-month illness and a complete halt of several days after his death.

The occasion will provide an opportunity for his successors to prove the continuous functioning of the complex political system aimed at assuring the unity of this multinational country.

Lazar Kolicovski, of Macedonian nationality, who became chairman of the "presidential state college" with Tito's death, will in the envisaged course of events be replaced on Thursday, while at the same time remaining one of the college's eight members.

This organ represents the six republics and two regions of the federal Yugoslav state.

It was expected here Monday that Cvijetin Mijatovic, a Bosnian and former editor of *Komunist*, the principal organ of the Yugoslav League of Communists, who is former ambassador in Moscow and became vice-president on May 4, would be named Yugoslavia's new head of state.

However, the possibility that the post will go to 66-year-old Sergej Krajger, who represents Slovenia and has held important positions at individual republic and federal level, was not excluded.

Yugoslavia's new president, whose function will not solely be that of a figurehead,

will nevertheless not inherit more than a minimal proportion of the power wielded by Tito. Even the fact that the title of "president of the republic" has disappeared is symbolic of the change.

The new president will also not hold the title of chairman of the League of Communists, the country's sole ruling party, as did Tito.

Meanwhile, as implementation of the constitution to which Tito attached such importance gets under way, normal diplomatic activity is resuming in Belgrade.

It is of considerable significance that the first major talks here since the departure of the world personalities who came for Tito's funeral have been between Foreign Minister Josip Vrhovec and his Cuban counterpart Isidoro Malmierca.

The current crisis in the movement non-aligned states of which Tito was the founders and over which Cuban Fidel Castro currently presides will be have been at the center of their talks.

The recent rapprochement between Chinese authorities and India marked meeting of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi also a leading figure in the non-movement, and Chairman Hua Guofu also possibly have had some bearing meeting between the Yugoslav and foreign ministers.

But Tito's successors are possibly not more pre-occupied by the economic problems. Sunday, before the official period of national mourning there were several indications that this case.

Zimbabwe cane cutters end strike

SALISBURY, May 12 (AFP) — Eight thousand cane cutters at a huge sugar estate in southeastern Zimbabwe ended their strike after management agreed to submit a new wage scale to the government, the manager said Monday. But the coal strike at Wankie, in the west, continued.

Dave Bromfield, manager of the Triangle Estate, said that the black workers went back Sunday morning. They had gone on strike last Thursday for better pay.

Bromfield said that the new wage scale would be presented to Labor Minister Kumbiraire Kangai early this week. He said that management also was trying to attend to the

workers' other grievances, which he specify.

The strike had halted sugar product work on a plant that will make ethanol mixed with gasoline in Zimbabwe, imports all its crude oil.

Meanwhile, in Wankie, the strike by 4,000 colliery workers went into its 11th day and there was no sign of a settlement.

Police are posted in the area and are guarding the coke plant, which is manned by an emergency staff that is 29 colliery operators who returned last Thursday. The coke plant would be closed if allowed to cool down.

Belgian parties to build new government

BRUSSELS, May 12 (AP) — The leaders of six political parties have agreed to form a new government, caretaker Premier Wilfried Martens reported Sunday.

He said the accord still has to be approved by members of the proposed coalition parties — the Flemish and French-speaking wings of the Christian Democrat, Socialist and Liberal parties.

If agreement is approved quickly by the proposed members, Martens said he could

start the delicate job of putting together a new bilingual cabinet by next week.

The new government would be Belgium's 26th since World War II.

If any of the six parties reject a proposed new government program, "we will have to have early elections," Martens said.

Observers said the composition of the coalition, bringing together Socialists and the Conservative Liberal party, reflects the desperate political situation in Belgium,

where politicians have toiled with autonomy programs for the country's two linguistic groups for more than 10 years.

About 6 million Belgians speak Flemish and about 4 million speak French.

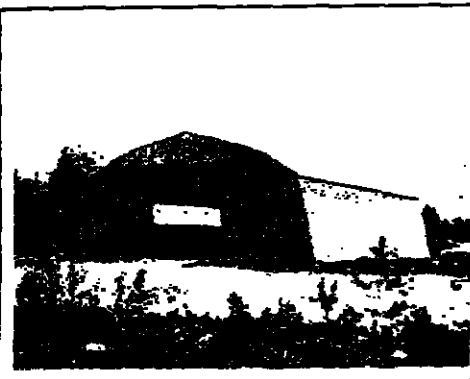
Last week, Martens said he and the leaders of the five other parties had agreed on a plan to grant full independence to Flanders, the Flemish-speaking northern half of Belgium, and Wallonia, the country's French-speaking southern zone.

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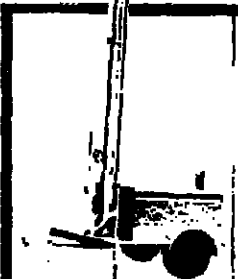
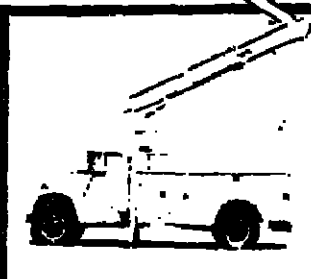
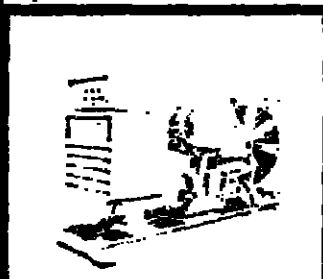
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Cuban refugee freedom float renews

WEST, Florida, May 12 (Agencies) — A sudden resurgence in the Cuban boat lift swelled the number of refugees reaching United States to 36,000 and also claimed a victim.

After a three-day lull, possibly caused by jet streams along the Cuban coast, more 5,300 refugees arrived Sunday. It was the largest single-day influx of the three-sealift mounted by American small owners sympathetic to the Cubans.

German polls give lead Social Democrats

INN, May 12 (R) — West German pollster Helmut Schmidt's Social Democratic Party set its sights confidently Monday on a victory in the state election in North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany's most populous state, gave Social Democrats an absolute majority in parliament, but produced an unexpected setback for their free Democratic allies.

Free Democrats were formerly junior partners with the SPD in a state government which mirrored the left liberal led by Schmidt.

In the state election they failed to secure minimum five per cent of the vote to qualify for parliamentary seats. Opposition Christian Democrats, previously the state's largest party, also suffered losses.

Also arriving was the body of the seventh Cuban-American to die on the 90-mile route.

The body of 58-year-old Rafael D. Trujillo was picked up by a Coast Guard cutter from a 24-foot boat en route to Key West from the Cuban port of Mariel with no refugees, Coast Guard officials said.

"The boat apparently had lost its way and the crew was disoriented," said Lt. J.G. Nimick. "They saw a tugboat pulling a barge and went over to ask directions."

"They accidentally ran into the tow line and the man suffered a severed jugular vein. He had bled to death when we arrived."

Coast Guard cutters picked up 260 refugees from overloaded vessels Sunday, and the navy amphibious assault ship *Saipan* carried 134 refugees picked up by Coast Guard helicopters.

Four boats were detained by U.S. officials over the weekend after their return from Mariel. A total of eight vessels have been detained since the boatlift began.

The U.S. Justice Department said boats considered dangerously unsafe or suspected of engaging in profiteering could face legal action.

Among the boats detained was the 99-foot *America*, a boat that carried 600 refugees. Capt. Tom O'Toole agreed his boat was overloaded but said he didn't have a choice.

"When we told them (Cuban authorities) we couldn't take any more, they said, 'When you're in Cuba, you do what the Cubans tell you to do. I don't know if they were joking, but they told me if I didn't keep my mouth shut, they were going to name my boat 'Cuba.'"

O'Toole said many of his passengers were "political people" with some "hard-core criminals," including a couple of men he suspected were mental cases. The Coast Guard cutter *Dauntless* picked up his suspected hard-core criminals, whom he had ordered to remain above deck during the voyage.

Many of the young men said they were from Caminador Del Este, a large Cuban prison. Other arrivals said they were former inmates, who had been told they could either leave Cuba or remain to jail.

In other developments the Bahamas's government has sent a strongly worded note to Cuba protesting at "the grave violation of Bahamian sovereignty and international laws," following the sinking of a Bahamian patrol boat over the weekend and the harassment by Cuban aircraft of one of the islands in the archipelago.

The note called the sinking "reckless" and the attack by Cuban aircraft on the boat's crew "unprovoked and vicious," a Nassau government statement said Monday.

The Bahamas government held Cuba responsible for all damages, injuries and loss of life resulting from the attack, the note said. The Bahamas was particularly distressed by "the inhumane act of firing on the defenseless men struggling in the water" after the sinking.

The protest to Havana followed a 12-hour meeting of the National Security Council in Nassau. Bahamian Prime Minister Lynden Pindling was flying home from London Monday after being notified of the incident.

WWII soldier found in Philippine jungle

MANILA, Philippines, May 12 (AP) — The Filipino military claims it has found a former Japanese soldier who stayed in a Philippine jungle after World War II. The Japanese embassy said Monday it is not convinced.

"I have no information that he is Japanese," said Dr. Yoshi Hirose, an embassy first secretary who handles such cases. He said he plans to visit Mindoro Island, 135 kilometers south of Manila, to try and verify the Philippine constabulary claim.

Hirose said Isao Miyazawa, a former intelligence captain in the Japanese Imperial Army, reported by messenger that he met Saturday with the man, whom he identified as a member of a primitive Mangyan tribe named Mondoka.

"The message gave no information whether he is Japanese or Mangyan," said Hirose.

Mindoro is near Lubang Island, where Philippine and Japanese searchers recovered a former Japanese soldier, Lt. Hiroo Onoda, six years ago.



ON THE MOVE: An M-60 tank of the U.S. 3rd Armored Division passes a timber-framed German house during maneuvers near Schwabmunchen, West Germany.

Soviet intervention on agenda NATO prepares for Muskie

BRUSSELS, Belgium, May 12 (AP) — It is billed as the Western alliance's first high-level conference in response to the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

But Wednesday's joint meeting of North Atlantic Treaty Organization foreign and defense ministers may be remembered instead as the alliance's first response to Edmund S. Muskie. The new U.S. Secretary of State, sworn in Thursday, will be undertaking his first foreign mission under the scrutiny of his counterparts from the 14 other NATO nations.

"The purpose of the meeting is to register solidarity within the alliance in regard to recent events in Afghanistan," a NATO diplomat said. "But what everyone will probably be focussing on is Muskie."

When Muskie's predecessor, Cyrus R. Vance, resigned to protest the Iran policy of the administration of President Jimmy Carter, leaders of several NATO countries, including Britain, West Germany and Italy, issued statements of regret. Vance's low key approach to diplomacy suited the European style.

"Of course there will be comparisons between the two — Muskie and Vance," said the diplomat, who asked that his name not be published. "It's only natural."

At the meeting, the allies are expected to announce a series of long and short-term responses to Soviet activities in Afghanistan, which have rekindled fears of Russian armed might in the United States and Eastern Europe.

The measures, described by one official as "unspectacular," are believed to fall into the category of acceleration — by months or years — of previously agreed-upon plans.

Most of them are designed to increase allied strength in European defense and to

make up for any potential diversion of U.S. forces to other parts of the world.

But officials are quick to point out there are no plans to reduce U.S. strength in Europe or shift 300,000 U.S. soldiers in Europe to fight small wars in other parts of the world. The changes would involve U.S. soldiers in domestic U.S. posts earmarked for deployment to Europe in case of emergency.

Officials in Brussels and Washington say the measures likely to be agreed on include a strengthening of the number of training programs of reservists in Europe to make them able to respond more quickly to an invasion. Sharpening of NATO readiness, for example, equipment needed for a response would be shifted from warehouses to trucks to cut down supply lines and the time needed to prepare military hardware for use. An increase in funds for electronic warfare, such as jamming stations that interrupt a potential enemy's communication system. An increase in stockpiles of ammunition available for instant use in case of war. Some nations with stocks for a 30-day fight would be asked to increase their at-hand stocks to a 90-day supply.

The long-term measures would include a renewed commitment by all NATO nations to increase their defense spending by 3 per cent as they agreed to do at a summit meeting in Washington in 1978.

The Europeans may also agree to institute contingency plans to use their nations' civilian wide-bodies.

"This is not a case where the United States comes in with a shopping list and the allies are asked to agree to them," the diplomat said. "These things have been in the planning stages for a long time and a lot of work has gone into them."

Panchayat takes lead in Nepal

KATHMANDU, May 12 (AFP) — Latest official results in Nepal's May 2 referendum on whether to introduce a multi-party political system show the current partyless Panchayat option leading by 150,000 votes.

However, with results in from 30 out of 75 districts the multi-party option was ahead in the major cities. In Kathmandu out of the 159,980 votes cast it drew 83,864 votes and the Panchayat 68,140, the remainder were declared invalid.

In two other cities in the Kathmandu valley, Patan and Bhaktapur, plurality polled an average of 58 per cent, although its followers had expected to win between 80 and 90 per cent.

The multi party system was also said to be leading in Tanahu, Sarlahi, Udayapur, Sirah, Bhairatpur, Morang and Sunsari districts, in the lowland Terai regions.

Panchayat's defeat in Kathmandu was compensated by 69 per cent of votes in Narayani (Bijung) bordering Razaul, the northern rail head of India.

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New trouble brewing Sweden strike ends

STOCKHOLM, May 12 (R) — Nearly a million Swedish workers returned to their jobs Monday ending the country's biggest ever labor dispute, but it could take weeks for the nation to get back to normal. The Swedish Employers Federation (SAF) last night rejected proposals put forward by government mediators but then reversed its decision after a government plea to end the industrial strike.

The employers initially said the 6.8 per cent wage rises would force up the price of goods and indirectly harm Swedish exports and the economy in general. The agreement

means the return to work for 750,000 workers, locked out by SAF since May 2, and also of 100,000 members of the Trades Union Confederation (LO) on strike from the same date.

In the public sector a further 26,000 workers will go back to their jobs for the first time since April 25, after both sides accepted a 7.3 per cent increase. Television programs other than news resumed, and the country's airports reopened Sunday night. The Stockholm underground railway also reopened Monday.

But hospitals face mountains of dirty laundry and a backlog of non-emergency operations which could last into the autumn. The Transport Union, which Friday halted deliveries of oil and gasoline, said its members would return to work Monday.

But it will take weeks to get three of the four closed oil refineries back into operation, and there are fears that gasoline could become scarce before then.

Meanwhile, the 2,500-strong Swedish Harbor Workers Union which is not an LO member, said it would strike as soon as the lockout ended, closing the country's big ports to back their demands for more money and the right to negotiate their own pay deal, union officials said.

The conflict of the last 10 days had shut down 90 per cent of Swedish industry, stopped imports and exports, closed mines and halted building works. The Employers Federation estimated it cost the country 400-600 million crowns (\$ 95-\$ 140 million) daily.

Honda ponders auto production in S. Africa

TOKYO, May 12 (AFP) — Japan's Honda Motor Company is considering production of cars in South Africa in a tie-up with a Daimler Benz subsidiary there, company officials said Monday. M.B. Shenker, board chairman of South Africa's United Car and Diesel Distributors (UCDD), owned 27 per cent by the West German automaker, is to visit Tokyo May 19-23 for talks on the joint undertaking, Honda said.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 7:00 P.M. Monday

	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.33	3.35
Pound Sterling	7.58	7.63
Deutsche Mark (100)	185.00	187.00
Swiss F (100)	199.00	201.50
French F (100)	79.00	79.50
Italian Lira (10,000)	39.00	39.50
Lebanese Lira (100)	98.00	97.50
Syrian Lira (100)	77.50	87.00
Egyptian Pound	4.23	4.37
Kuwait Dinar	12.25	12.38
Jordanian Dinar	11.15	11.19
Emirates Dirham (100)	89.80	89.80
Qatari Riyal (100)	90.90	90.90
Bahraini Dinar	8.86	8.86
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	—
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Yemeni Riyal (100)	73.75	73.25
Moroccan Dirham (100)	81.50	81.60
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Canadian-Japanese energy conference begins

TOKYO, Japan, May 12 (AFP) — About 100 Canadian and 150 Japanese businessmen Monday began a conference here on energy, with special attention to coal development in Canada. The adoption of the Canadian Candu nuclear reactor was also a

S. Korea to establish Puerto Rican factories

SEOUL, May 12 (AFP) — South Korea will establish a base in Puerto Rico to promote exports in North and South America, the Commerce Ministry said Monday. A mission recently visited Puerto Rico to study the

USSR commissions gas plant in Afghanistan

MOSCOW, May 12 (AFP) — A natural gas extraction and scrubbing plant designed by Soviet engineers was commissioned during the weekend at Jarkuduk in North Afghanistan. Tass news agency reported. The

U.S.-Japan trade cooperation talks start

TOKYO, May 12 (AFP) — Reubin Askew, visiting special U.S. presidential trade representative, urged U.S.-Japanese for removing trade barriers. But in talks with

his opposite number Takeshi Yashukawa, he avoided discussion on growing Japanese car exports to the United States and on limited access for foreign firms to telecommunication contracts.

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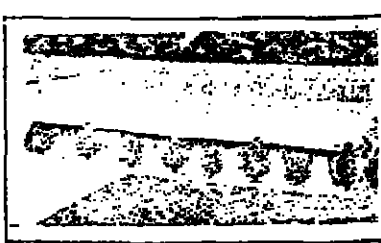
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Solar conference set in Bahrain

MANAMA, May 12 — The second Middle East Solar Technology Exhibition, Soltech '80, will be held November 9-14 for companies wanting to gain a foothold in the potentially massive Middle East solar market.

With the announcement that the U.S.-Saudi Arabian \$ 100 million five-year joint solar energy program is now under way — a \$ 16.5 million contract has already been awarded for the construction of a solar village in Saudi Arabia. The Middle East has become the focal point of world solar development. Large-scale research activity is taking place throughout the Middle East with over 30 universities and 20 government research centers currently involved in addition to numerous government ministries and public national oil companies.

The most significant national exhibitor group to confirm its participation in Soltech '80 are the French, under the auspices of the Commissariat A L'Energie Solaire (COMES), which is returning this year with an even larger space requirement. Between 16 and 20 companies are expected to exhibit a wide range of technology including photovoltaics, solar water heating systems, collector panels, telecommunications applications,

solar pumps and solar desalination. The exhibition has attracted international support especially from the U.K., Australia, Japan and the U.S.A.

Soltech '80 will be supported by a high technology conference, the theme of which will be "Solar Energy in Construction." Delegates will hear papers presented by world authorities on solar technology including Dr. Bill Charters (President of the International Solar Energy Society), Dr. George Lof (Colorado State University, U.S.A.), Dr. Fawaz Alamy (King Abdul Aziz University, Jeddah) and Dr. Ali Sayigh (University of Riyadh). A new purpose-built air conditioned conference theatre is under construction inside the Exhibition Centre, Bahrain, which will ensure that all exhibitors have an opportunity to meet conference delegates as well as the trade show visitors.

Soltech '80 will be a feature of Arabbuild '80, a repeat of the highly successful Middle East Building and Construction Industry Exhibition first held in November 1978, which is sponsored and supported by the Housing and Public Works Ministries of Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. The Soltech pavilion, provides over 1,500 square meters of both inside and outside space.

Sales percentage up for luxury cars

NEW YORK, May 12 (AP) — In Beverly Hills, California, where luxury cars like Ferraris, Lamborghinis and Bentleys are as common as palm trees, a wealthy accountant who wanted something a bit different ordered a \$55,000 Evolution I — a car custom-designed by Pierre Cardin.

The accountant is among the well-heeled few who are keeping the luxury car market alive — if barely — at a time when American auto sales are collapsing.

"As far as our share of the luxury market we're doing better now than a year ago. There are fewer total buyers in this market, but we're getting a good share," says a spokesman for Cadillac in Detroit.

The same is true across the industry. Fancy-car sales are down, but their percentage of the total market is up, probably because for many of those who think about buying a luxury car, money is not an issue.

Many even pay the full price — up to almost \$150,000 for the top Rolls Royce — in cash. Car sales in the United States fell from a projected annual rate of about 10.8 million before March 14 to about 8.3 million in April. The crackdown on credit by the administration of U.S. President Jimmy Car-

ter has squeezed many potential car buyers out of the market. Limits on overall growth in lending have led banks to impose tougher standards on borrowers, require higher down payments and, some areas, stopping retail or dealer loans altogether.

But Rolls Royce sales in the United States will be down by only about 100 from last year's 1,100, said Reg Abbiss of Rolls Royce Incorporated. About one-third of the British-produced cars are sold in the United States, he said.

"It's a mixture of old and new money," Abbiss said. "celebrities, pop (music) groups. The biggest sales in the United States are in Newport Beach and Beverly Hills, California."

The cheapest — if that's the word — Rolls Royce is the Silver Shadow II, which sells for \$85,300 in the United States. The Corniche convertible is the most expensive at \$148,400. Mercedes-Benz sales in the United States were down 2 per cent for the first quarter, a spokesman said. Thirteen per cent of the German cars are sold in the United States. The price range is \$17,500 for the 240D to \$43,000 for the 450 SLC.

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Department of Water and Sewage, Riyadh	Setting up of a center for data classification in Riyadh	800	800	May 17
Directorate General of Education, Eastern Province	Sanitation of the Central Health Unit in Dammam	38	100	May 18
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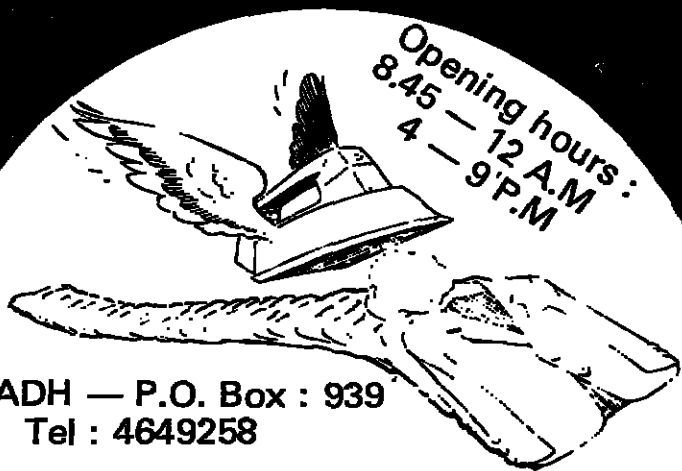
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Alc. 100	279.00	280.00					
Alc. 100	261.00	261.00					
Alc. 100	224.00	235.00					
Alc. 100	248.00	244.00					
Alc. 100	195.00	195.00					
Alc. 100	202.00	214.00					
Alc. 100	167.00	111.00					
Alc. 100	120.00	120.00					
Alc. 100	56.00	56.70					
Alc. 100	253.20	252.00					

...nines Bull	659.00	675.00	Matsumichi Elec.	710	705
...nines Bull	62.00	63.00	Matsumichi Chemical	239	204
...nines Bull	55.00	56.00	Matsumichi Chem.	250	250
...nines Bull	876	877	Matsumichi Hyv Ind.	183	193
...nines Bull	529.00	529.00	Mitsui Co.	328	329
...nines Bull	78.00	78.70	Mitsui Electric	598	598
...nines Bull	459.00	459.00	Nippon Electric	411	410
...nines Bull	43.70	44.40	Nippon Oil	2,100	2,050
...nines Bull	32.90	32.60	Nippon Steel	145	145
...nines Bull	33.90	33.60	Nissan Motor	650	675
...nines Bull	110.50	111.00	Planner	1,900	1,900
...nines Bull	303.00	300.50	Royal	582	567
...nines Bull	243.20	242.20	Sharp	590	561
...nines Bull	243.20	242.20	Shideido	677	677
...nines Bull	241.10	240.50	Sankyo	2,040	2,040
...nines Bull	226.20	221.00	Sankyo Chem.	138	138
...nines Bull	117.10	117.00	Sankyo	138	138
...nines Bull	400.00	407.50	Sanyo Marine Fire	600	590
...nines Bull	265.00	256.00	Tokyo Indus.	220	218
...nines Bull	189.90	171.20	Tokyo Indus.	194	194
...nines Bull	49.00	49.00	Toto	404	441
...nines Bull	132.10	134.50	Toto Kogyo	370	371
...nines Bull	233.00	235.00	Toyota	545	545
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...nines Bull	78.00	79.00			

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EXCHANGE RATES أسعار العملات الأجنبية

U.S.\$		دينار الكويت	
London Interbank			
Spot Dollar Middle Rates			
as quoted by Bank of America IFC			
	May 9	May 8	May 9
Britain	2.2848	2.2772	1.29640
Switzerland	1.5653	1.5707	1.15414
Italy	844.750	849.738	1.63397
France	4.197	4.2125	1.53196
U.S.A.	1.7626	1.7657	1.33310
W. Germany	1.5915	1.5900	1.54705
Netherlands	26.282	26.303	1.36268
Belgian C.	29.520	29.550	1.11235
Belgian F.	4.6252	4.642	202.826
Denmark	5.6289	5.6642	2.57824
Norway	4.2529	4.2540	UNAV
Sweden	4.3110	4.2410	8.41524
Japan	232.150	231.350	0.56697
Australia	12.750	12.850	4.22116
U.S. Dollar	1.1750	1.1870	9.31065
Canada	1.1750	1.1870	4.21493
Australia	1.1267	1.1250	5.4957
Spain	71.690	71.250	4.22116
Portugal	3.8659	3.7175	32.4100
Greece	36.866	44.865	816.739
			6.71515
			7.32182
			32.5125
			8.16739
			0.25121
			0.350106
			UNAV
			UNAV
			2.21598
			1.03378
			1.02750
			2.16103
			1.16369
			4.83916
			4.82280
			5.93740
			5.56497

£ (STERLING) الجبلة

Late Spot Sterling Rates at London

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USA	2.2510-2.2511		
Canada	2.5700-2.5700		
Switzerland	3.7870-3.7920		May 12
W. Germany	4.0825-4.0875	FS/Lux Con	-0.3086
France	9.5330-9.5750	Deutsche Mark	2.2565
Netherlands	4.3025-4.3075	Dutch Guilder	2.7336
Belgian C.	65.56-65.62	Pound Sterling	0.51261
Belgian F.	67.35-67.55	Danish Krone	7.8579
Sweden	9.5375-9.6475	French Franc	5.55043
Denmark	12.7950-12.8020	Italian Lira	1191.57
Norway	11.2350-11.2450	Irish Punt	0.67645
Italy	1.931.00-1.934.20	US Dollar	1.39418
Spain	161.85-162.15	Swiss Franc	2.24279
Portugal	112.75-112.95	Russian Rouble	99.2381
Australia	1.11-1.12	Swedish Krona	5.59515
Japan	514.75-515.75	Norwegian Krone	5.87665
Ireland	1.1020-1.1040	Canadian Dollar	1.64507
		Portuguese Escudo	168.3935
		Austrian Schilling	17.8704
		Japanese Yen	5.17101
		Finnish Markka	316.618
		Greek Drachma	360.3177

Frankfurt

Foreign Exchange Fixings

May 9

May 12

الذهب	
البرازيل	3,712.0
فرنسا	3,705.0
الهند	1,531.0
الولايات المتحدة	1,527.7
المملكة المتحدة	91.4
ألمانيا	106.20
سويسرا	107.70
بلجيكا	6.215
الدولار	6.216
الدولار	62.740
الدولار	40.730
الدولار	11.623
الدولار	11.650
الدولار	35.560
الدولار	36.410
الدولار	25.50
الدولار	2.133
الدولار	2.120
الدولار	2.123
الدولار	16.617
الدولار	51.53
الدولار	51.53
الدولار	51.50
الدولار	50.76
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Gold

Croeting Gold Prices
(in US Dollars per troy ounce)

	May 12	May 9
London	513.54	513.53
Paris	513.54	513.38
Frankfurt	513.53	513.38
Zurich	512.50	509.76
Hong Kong	507.56	507.56

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COMMODITIES		السوق العالمية للمواد	
London Commodity and Metal Exchange Closing Prices		COCOA	
Pounds Sterling per metric ton (except Silver)		May 9 Closing	May 8 Closing
May	1215-1225	1215-1225	1220-1214
July	1210-1220	1210-1220	1212-1210
September	1252-1261	1252-1261	1252-1254
December	1292-1302	1292-1302	1292-1288
March	1330-1326	1330-1326	1334-1327

May 12	May 9	
Closing	Closing	
Spot	2 per ton	
Three months	763-752	765-797
Sales	768-770	776-777
		3,629 tons
COPPER		
E per tonne		
Wirebars		
Cash	631.5-580.0	579-523
Three months	608-582.5	591-561.5
Sales		
دخشان		
Total Volume: 2,429 lots of ten tonnes.		
SUGAR SUGAR		
Sugar Pref. Comm. Con.		
May		2 per ton
June	331.00-329.00	327.00-327.00
August	324.50-324.50	324.50-324.50
October	321.00-321.00	320.00-320.00
Futures volume: 9,174 lots of 50 tonnes each		
Tons: irregular		
100 CORDS		
Other World Arabesque		
US\$	187.33	

LEAD رصاص			
25 lbs. in 100 lbs. drums	556-569	564-555	
25 lbs. in 50 lbs. drums	558-559	558-554	
30 lbs. in 50 lbs. drums	561-562	561-557	
Market Unit	1,650 tons		
RUBBER مطاط			
No. 1 RSS	Pence per Kilos		
Spot	61.25-62.25	61.00	62.50
No. 1 RSS CR Basic Price			
June	64.50-64.50	64.75	65.25
July	64.50-64.50	64.75	65.25
No. 2 RSS CR Basic Price			
June	62.50-62.50	62.75	63.25
July	62.50-62.50	62.75	63.25

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Market activity

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Capital International

Stock Market Indices

	May 8	May 8	
World	116.5	116.3	DN 0.4
Europe	103.5	103.7	UP 0.8
U.S. (1)	116.0	117.4	DN 0.9
Japan	151.7	152.7	DN 0.5
Hong Kong	255.4	254.1	UP 0.5
London (2)	255.4	254.1	UP 0.5

Spot	235.00	231.60
July	222.50	224.75
Aug	227.50	228.00
Nov/Dec	238.50	236.50
Nov-March	242.00	245.00

COTTON

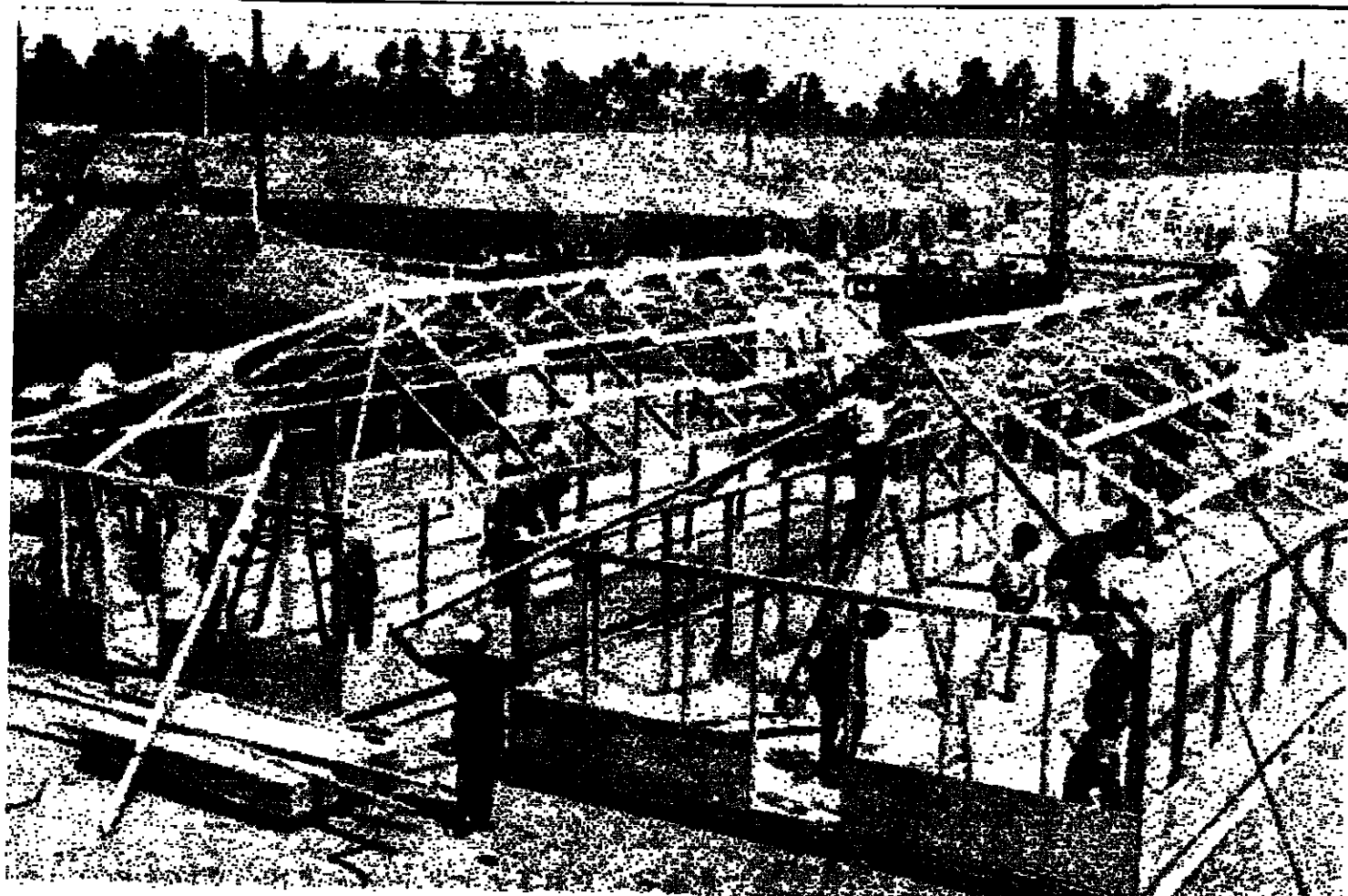
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Liverpool spot cotton and shipment prices in U.S. cents per pound (previous levels in brackets) as supplied by a leading trading company	
Major shipping origin: May/June included:	

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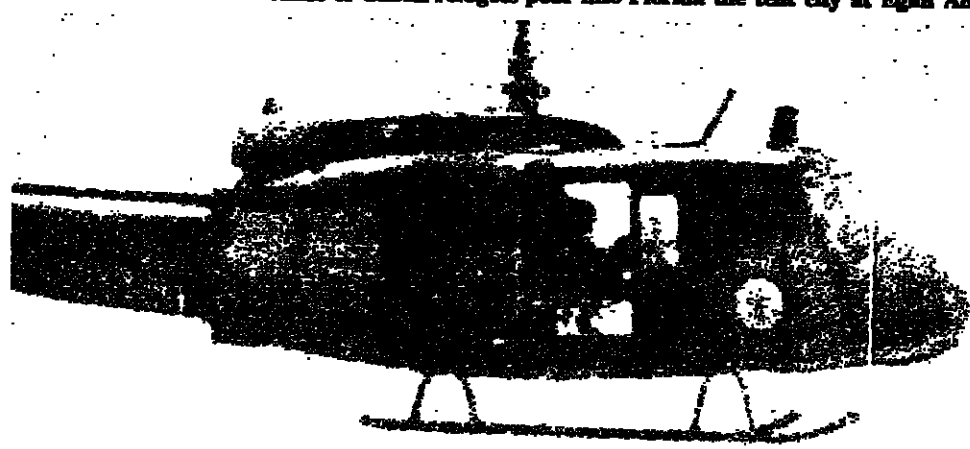
Cubans aboard the ocean-going tugboat Dr. Daniels cheer as the ship enters Key West, Florida.



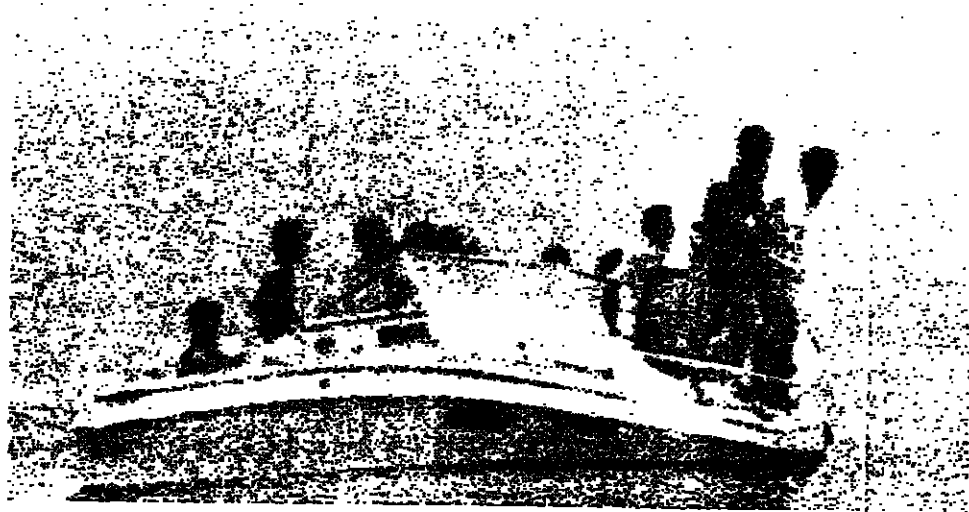
As thousands of Cuban refugees pour into Florida the tent city at Eglin Airforce Base continues to expand.



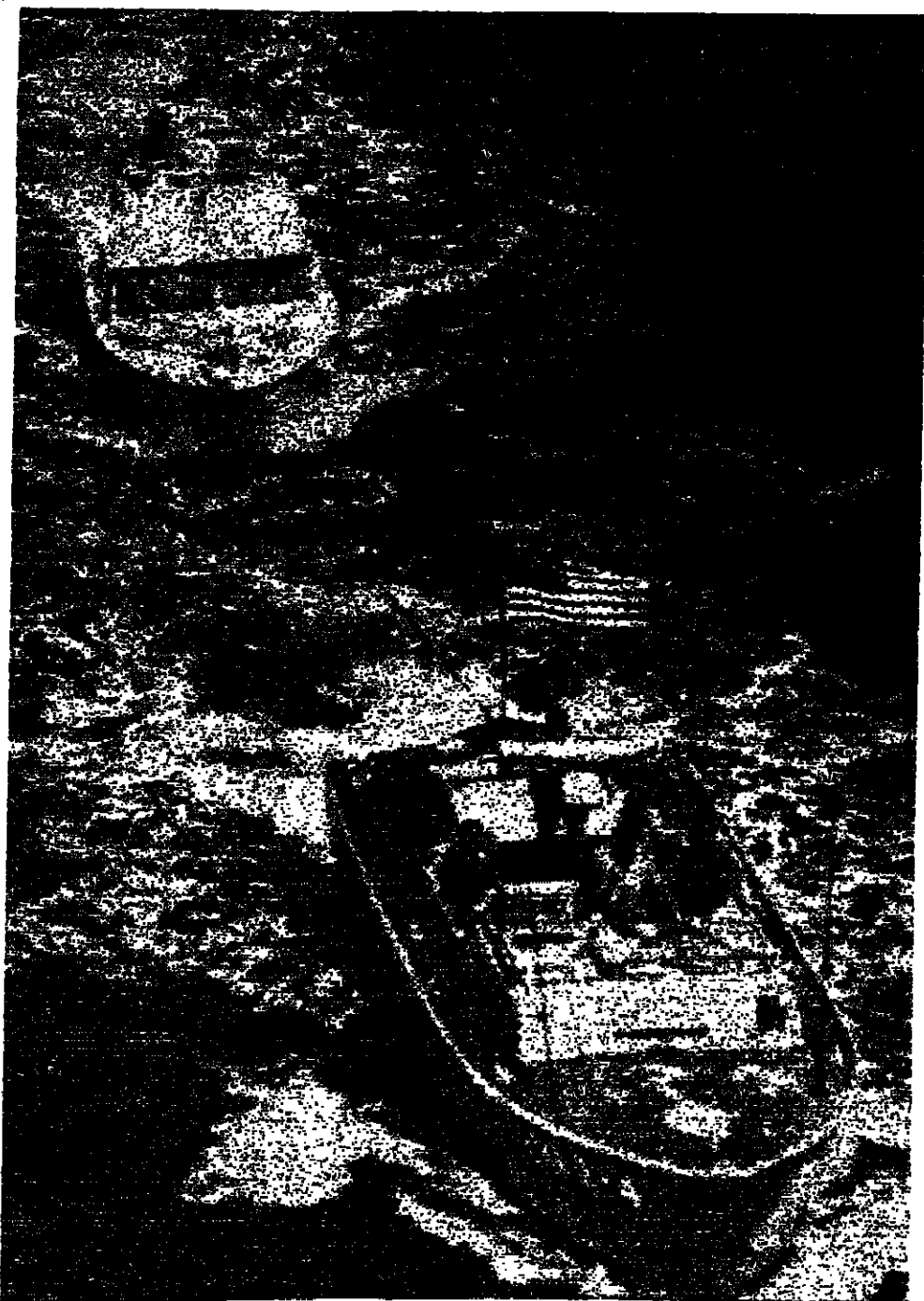
From a crowded refugee ship, an old man is helped ashore by U.S. Customs officials.



A military helicopter escorts Cuban refugees into port at Key West, Florida



U.S. Marine ship tows a disabled boat back to the USS Saipan



A Coast Guard helicopter hovers over a distressed ship that was returning from Cuba

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After runoff election

Hard-liners fill Iran Majlis

TEHRAN, May 12 (AP) — Hard-line Islamic fundamentalists have won a majority in the new Islamic parliament, Radio Tehran reported Monday. The official Iranian radio said that with returns in from all but 25 of the 247 seats being filled now in the Majlis, or parliament, the Islamic Republican party had won a total of 110 and Muslim fundamentalists running as independents had won enough more to give the IRP a majority.

The IRP won 30 of the 98 seats decided in the first round of voting March 14. In runoff elections in 149 other districts Friday, Radio Tehran said the IRP had won 60 of the 124 seats decided by noon Sunday, and most of the others went to independents.

The Majlis at full strength is to have 270 members, but the runoffs in 23 districts were postponed because of unsettled conditions or charges of irregularities in the first round of voting. But the constitution provides that the legislature can convene as soon as two-thirds of the members, or 180, are elected.

Ayatollah Khomeini and other leaders of his revolutionary regime have said that the Majlis will decide what is to be done with the 53 members of the staff of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran who Monday spent their 191st day as hostages. But no decision appears likely before late June or July.

The U.S. government had hoped that supporters of President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr would win a sizable bloc of seats since he is considered a pragmatic moderate who wants to end the hostage crisis so he can get on with trying to restore the shattered Iranian economy. But many of the Islamic fundamentalists want the hostages tried as spies unless the United States forces Egypt to return the former Shah to Iran and also turns over the

royal family's holdings in the United States.

The Swiss Embassy in Tehran, which represents the United States there, said it was pressing the Iranian government of information on a 54th American prisoner, freelance writer Cynthia Dwyer, but has not been able to find out where she is being held.

Mrs. Dwyer was reported arrested last Monday night by three revolutionary guards in Tehran, and a local newspaper said she was accused of being a U.S. Central Intelligence Agency spy. Informed sources in the Iranian capital said she was turned over to the foreign ministry on Tuesday.

Elsewhere, the administration of U.S. President Jimmy Carter denied a report in the London Sunday Times, quoting Irish diplomat Sean Macbride, that presidential aide Hamilton Jordan and Iranian Foreign Minister Sadeq Ghotbzadeh "messed up" an agreement Macbride and New York attorney Leonard Boudin had nearly completed with Bani-Sadr for the release of the hostages.

"The report in the London Sunday Times has no basis in fact," White House press sec-

Iran leaders feud over royal tomb

TEHRAN, May 12 (APF) — A bitter row erupted Monday over Ayatollah Sadeq Khalkhali's decision to blow up the marbled tomb of Reza Khan, father of the Shah, to make way for a public lavatory.

President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr wanted it turned into a museum but Khalkhali stood and watched Sunday as workmen detonated 20 sticks of TNT placed in the stonework, and he was undeterred when much of the huge mausoleum was left standing.

As bulldozers moved in Monday to com-

plete demolition, aides of Bani-Sadr revealed that the president pleaded with Khalkhali to spare the monument so it could be converted into a museum of "imperialist crimes."

Bani-Sadr responded angrily to news that the tomb had been dynamited. Without naming the Ayatollah he told the newspaper *Bamdad*, "The destruction of the tomb marks the continuation of stubborn and irresponsible power sources."

He demanded an official investigation into "how and with what authority" the operation went ahead.

The nine nations of the European Common Market and Japan have said they would take action against Iran if "decisive progress" toward the release of the hostages is not made by May 17. But they are reported planning lesser measures than the ban on all exports to Iran except food and medicine which they planned before the United States made its unsuccessful attempt to rescue the hostages without informing its allies.

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Top-selling U.S. paper

Stars sue scandal sheet

LOS ANGELES, May 12 (OFNS) — Actor Steve McQueen says he had an attack of "terminal fury" on reading a recent story in the *National Enquirer*, America's top-selling newspaper. It reported that the 49-year-old star, once a heavy smoker, was suffering from terminal lung cancer.

"It's ridiculous. A cruel lie," said McQueen. To prove it, he plans a multi-million dollar lawsuit against the weekly, which is bought by nearly five million Americans.

McQueen will not be alone. An inflamed and growing band of film and television celebrities has declared war on the sensational tabloid in a battle reminiscent of the days when Hollywood ganged up to sue *Confidential* magazine into extinction.

At least eight big show-business names are suing the *Enquirer* for a total of more than \$66 million in what could prove a major test case of America's notoriously easy-going libel laws.

"I don't know anyone in the industry who isn't behind us," says Marty Ingels, a top Hollywood agent who is married to actress Shirley Jones. Together, they're suing for \$20 million. The *Enquirer* said Jones (of *Carousel* and other classic musicals) had become "a crying drunk."

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leapt into the battle with his *Star*, and glossy magazines such as *People* and *Us* further eroded *Enquirer* sales.

When these fell below five million some 18 months ago, Pope ordered his large staff into the fray with the command: "Wash those dirty linen." Sizzling exposes along the lines of those in the old *Confidential* were sought.

Pope pays well for the goods, and he got his tales of mishap and misbehavior. But could he also get sued out of business, like *Confidential* in the 1950's, when lawsuits by Robert Mitchum and others halted lubricious stories and sent circulation plummeting from four million to 300,000?

Lawyers in the case believe that is highly unlikely. The *Enquirer* has a large fact-checking and research staff and requires at least two sources for gossip items. They also say the paper has not lost a lawsuit in three years.

But in taking a stand the celebrities hope at least to muffle the *Enquirer*, at best to upset a 1964 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that public figures cannot collect libel damages without first proving "actual malice" in publication of defamatory material.

"That ruling," said Ingels, "is a licence for papers like the *Enquirer* to print just about anything they want about us."

Gold higher; interest rates hurt dollar

LONDON, May 12 (Agencies) — The dollar fell Monday on European foreign exchange markets, reflecting a downward trend in interest rates. Gold closed slightly higher in lethargic trading.

The U.S. currency had been boosted recently by rising interest rates which made it an attractive investment. In the past few weeks, however, the rates have been coming down. The prime rate slipped to 16½ per cent Monday in New York.

London's five bullion houses announced a closing gold price of \$513.50 a troy ounce, up from Friday's closing price of \$510.50. Gold also traded higher in Zurich at \$512.50 compared with \$508.50 Friday. Earlier in Hong Kong, the metal dropped \$2.90 to \$507.46.

Silver was worth \$12.88 an ounce in London down from \$13 late Friday.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	513.00	510.50
Paris	534.54	533.30
Frankfurt	512.06	510.50
Zurich	512.50	508.50
Hong Kong	507.46	506.76

Treetop landing ends successful balloon voyage

MATANE, Quebec, May 12 (AP) — Maxie Anderson and his son Kris landed the "Kitty Hawk" safely in a treetop near the St. Lawrence River in eastern Canada Monday, ending the first non-stop balloon flight across North America.

The balloon came in at 7:25 a.m. local time on the wooded edge of a clearing 9.6 km east of Matane in Quebec. Both men were uninjured. They were unshaven, reddened by wind and looked tired.

Matane is about 458 km northeast of Bangor, Maine, an about 1,770 km north of the planned landing site in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. Unexpected winds had carried the balloon far north of the plotted flight path for the last half of the 4,827 km journey.

The Andersons left San Francisco early Thursday.

"Trying to get into the clearing was a problem," Max Anderson said of the landing. "The helicopter pilots helped us get out of the trees."

He apparently referred to Canadian armed forces helicopters who had been stationed in the area since early this morning to await the landing.

Maxie Anderson, in a navy blue parka and a green striped turtle-neck shirt, was ferried by helicopter to the airport at Matane, where he embraced his wife Patty. His son stayed with the balloon.

Asked what his next goal was, the elder Anderson replied, "I think I'm going to go home to bed."

Anderson, who won fame two years ago with two other men by becoming the first to cross the Atlantic in a balloon, said crossing the continent was tougher.

"In the Atlantic you just get up and go" he said. "There is no altitude problem."

Matane is on the Gaspé Peninsula, near where the St. Lawrence meets the Atlantic Ocean.

Because of the hilly, wooded terrain of the surrounding country, Anderson, 45, and his son, 23, apparently considered landing in the river but after dawn they decided they could make the clearing.

The Andersons had announced their landing plan in a radio message that was monitored aboard the plane taking Mrs. Anderson to the remote area.



(AP photo)

BICYCLE CRUSH: Peking commuters cycle handlebar to handlebar at rush hour. Three million bicycles crowd the city's streets daily, and demand for bicycles outstrips supply.

A city of cyclists

Tinkling bells announce Peking rush hour

PEKING, May 12 (AP) — The ordinary Peking commuter fights through rush hour traffic with the bright tinkling of a bell instead of a harsh horn blast, doesn't burn gasoline and doesn't pollute.

But he or she shivers in winter, is exposed to blinding dust storms in spring and sometimes has to worry about parking, for the "No Parking" signs in this capital city of 8 million people mostly are aimed at the bicycle — considered as much a necessity for Communist Chinese as a car is for Americans. Because of their relatively small numbers, parking is not yet a major problem for autos.

The long, dark rows of bicycles flowing by in a seemingly endless stream impressed New York Mayor Edward Koch on a recent visit to Peking.

Facing a transit strike in the United States' largest city, he remarked: "We'd like to see New York City look like Peking in the mornings. There are over one million bicycles used there."

Actually, the figure is closer to 3 million, and factories aren't making them fast

enough to meet demand. A Chinese wanting a bicycle registers his request with his work unit and, when his turn comes up, is given a coupon entitling him to buy one.

The Chinese commuter's cost for his wheels is very roughly the same as an American's. Three months' wages for the average worker will just about buy a 160 yuan (\$107) bicycle although other models cost about 200 yuan (\$133). Many Americans could buy a car with three months' pay.

"In Peking, if you don't have a bicycle, it's a big problem," said one worker whose bicycle was stolen early this year, forcing him to walk 45 minutes to work for about five days until the police recovered it.

He had locked it, but forgotten to take the usual precaution of taking it inside his apartment. Police advised patience and suggested it was taken by mischievous youngsters for a joy ride. Later, they told him it was found about 10 miles away, lying on the ground, with the lock broken.

Thefts are not common, however, and recoveries frequent. Selling a stolen bike

is difficult for two reasons: buyers won't accept a bicycle that isn't accompanied by the little red "bicycle operator's license" whose number matches the license plate, and the scarcity of new bicycles makes neighbors curious about new acquisitions.

The license is like an auto driver's license. A traffic policeman said bicyclists who break traffic laws may be lectured or fined or have their bicycles impounded for a few days, depending on the seriousness of the case. He said a rider who causes an accident would have to pay compensation, and there is a daily storage fee of a few cents for impounded bikes.

Over a policeman's loudspeaker can often be heard the warning: "Cyclist, what are you doing?"

A recent Peking meeting on traffic safety called for measures against "speeding" bicycles and those that weave recklessly across the streets.

The owners are the bane of motorists, especially at night, when both cars and bikes travel without lights.

Afghan fighters kill 15 Soviets in attack on parade

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, May 12 (AFP) — Afghan freedom fighters claim to have killed 15 Soviet and 45 Afghan soldiers in an attack on an Afghan revolution day parade in Kunar province.

The Islamic Alliance for the Liberation of Afghanistan announced here that Muslim Mujahiddin opened fire from a hideout on a rally in Chigha Sarai, capital of the embattled province in eastern Afghanistan.

About 40 of the Afghan troops, with their weapons, then joined the fighters, the organization said.

The rally, which ended in pandemonium, was organized by members of the Communist Khalq party with support of the Soviet intervention force to mark the second anniversary of the pro-Moscow April 27, 1978 revolution, the rebels said.

The situation in the province remained tense as Soviet helicopters made almost daily raids on Afghan villages to "avenge their defeat," Mujahiddin sources said.

The fighters also said that several Communist troops were killed Wednesday when about 40 Afghan troops mutinied and launched attacks on Soviet-Afghan positions in the area. The defectors came from forces sent by Kabul to attack freedom fighters' strongholds near Chigha Sarai.

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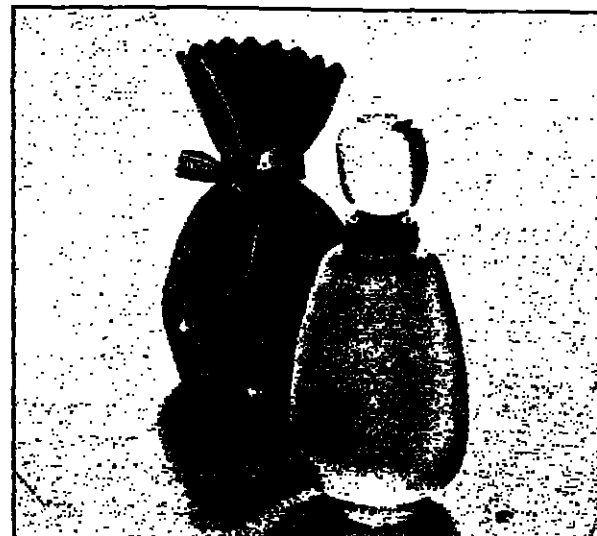
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